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LAKESHORE SCHOOLS

Freeman announces retirement

Will serve through end of school year

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

STEVENSVILLE — Lakeshore Public Schools will be looking for a new leader now that Superintendent Phil Freeman has announced he will retire at the end of the school year.

He presented a letter of retirement Tuesday morning to board President Jason Beckrow. It is expected to be approved at the district's next regular board of education meeting in February.

"Lakeshore Public Schools has been incredibly fortunate to have the leadership of Phil Freeman for the past eight academic years," Beckrow said in a news release. "He has been steadfast in so many ways, not the least of which includes soundly navigating the district during the COVID-19 pandemic. He leaves the district stronger than he found it and has cultivated an inspiring culture that will ensure Lakeshore's success for years to come. Mr. Freeman has had an amazingly impactful career and we wish him all the best on a well deserved retirement."

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Freeman, 60, is retiring after working 34 years as a coach, teacher and administrator in public education, starting as a teacher and coach in Garden City Public Schools in Michigan.

When contacted after the announcement, he said that he and his wife, Marnie Freeman, are renovating a house in Gaylord, where they plan to move there after he retires. He said the house sits on a lake that he grew up on during the summer.

In his retirement letter, Freeman said he has mixed feelings about retiring.

"I will never be able to fully express my appreciation to the board of education, the staff, and this community for offering me the opportunity to lead such an outstanding district and supporting my efforts over the past eight school years," he said in the letter. "It has been a privilege to work alongside the many talented Lakeshore administrators, teachers, students, community leaders, volunteers, parents and staff."

He said the staff's dedication has been even more over the past year during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"During this pandemic, I have been witness to dedicated professionals as they reimagined and reinvented how we teach and nurture students," he wrote. "The willingness to take risks and the collective effort that allowed Lakeshore to thrive during this pandemic is nothing short of inspiring. It is what sets us apart."

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SNOWY SCULPTURE

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A layer of snow accumulates Tuesday on the bronze statue of Seventh-day Adventist missionary John Nevins Andrews, by sculptor Alan Collins on the campus of Andrews University in Berrien Springs.

Whitmer proposes $5.6B virus relief plan

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on Tuesday unveiled a $5.6 billion plan to combat and recover from the coronavirus pandemic, proposing the use of billions in federal relief and $575 million in surplus state funds.

The request will go to Michigan's Republican-led Legislature on Wednesday, less than a month after Congress and President Trump enacted additional COVID-19 aid that will flow through states and fund priorities such as vaccine distribution, testing, tracing, higher food assistance benefits and new rental assistance.

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A major facet of the Democratic governor's proposal would allocate $300 million in state dollars – nearly $2 billion when federal funding is counted – to help K-12 schools offer the option of in-person instruction by March 1 and to address pandemic-related learning loss. Districts with higher numbers of disadvantaged students or those with disabilities would receive more money.

Whitmer also proposed $225 million for three new economic-development programs, including additional grants to restaurants that cannot allow indoor dining under a state order.

The plan is focused on protecting public health, getting students back on track and jumpstarting the economy, she said about a month after signing a supplemental budget bill that helped small businesses.

"We can take strong bipartisan action again on behalf of Michiganders everywhere," Whitmer

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Silver Beach Hotel has new owner, closed for maintenance work

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Silver Beach Hotel is under new management, but closed for maintenance work.

Lighthouse Hospitality Group, a firm based in Muskego, Wis., is the new management company running the hotel at 100 Main St. in downtown St. Joseph.

It is unknown when the firm took over at Silver Beach Hotel. Jayeshkumar Patel – a representative of the firm with an office in Stevensville – could not be reached for comment by phone or email.

According to the company's website, Lighthouse Hospitality Group owns or manages hotels in 14 states and has been in operation for 35 years.

The St. Jospeh hotel has been closed since late December. All phone calls are now being forwarded to the Comfort Suites of Stevensville.

The hotel has been closed since an electrical fire occurred there on Dec. 25.

Don Campbell / HP staff

Silver Beach Hotel in downtown St. Joseph is operating under new management, but has been closed since Dec. 25 due to maintenance work being done there after a fire occurred.

St. Joseph Public Safety Director Steve Neubecker said firefighters responded to a fire at 4:07 a.m. that began in the hotel's breaker box on Christmas.

"It was investigated and just appeared to be faulty wiring," Neubecker said. "We had smoke on the sixth floor of the hotel. I don't have an exact dollar amount, but I would say there was extensive damage."

In addition to the fire, Silver Beach Hotel had its liquor license temporarily suspended last month due to pandemic-related violations.

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Sen. McConnell says Trump 'provoked' Capitol siege

By LISA MASCARO and MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell on Tuesday explicitly blamed President Donald Trump for the deadly riot at the Capitol, saying the mob was "fed lies" and that the president and others "provoked" those intent on overturning Democrat Joe Biden's election.

Ahead of Trump's historic second impeachment trial, McConnell's remarks were his most severe and public rebuke of the outgoing president. The GOP leader is setting a tone as Republicans weigh whether to convict Trump on the impeachment charge that will soon be sent over from the House: "incitement of insurrection."

"The mob was fed lies," McConnell said. "They were provoked by the president and other powerful people, and they tried to use fear and violence to stop a specific proceeding of the first branch of the federal government which they did not like."

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Trump's last full day in office Tuesday was also senators' first day back since the deadly Capitol siege and since the House voted to impeach him for his role in the riots – an unparalleled time of transition as the Senate prepares for the second impeachment trial in two years and presses ahead with the confirmation of Biden's Cabinet.

Three new Democratic senators-elect were set to be sworn into office Wednesday shortly after Biden's inauguration, giving the

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Federal court strikes down major Trump climate rollback

By MATTHEW DALY and ELLEN KNICKMEYER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a last-minute slap at President Donald Trump, a federal appeals court struck down one of his administration's most momentous climate rollbacks on Tuesday, saying officials acted illegally in issuing a new rule that eased federal regulation of air pollution from power plants.

The Trump administration rule was based on a "mistaken reading of the Clean Air Act," the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruled, adding that the Environmental Protection Agency "fundamentally has misconceived the law." The decision is likely to give the incoming Biden administration a freer hand to regulate emissions from power plants, one of the major sources of climate-damaging fossil fuel emissions.

EPA spokeswoman Molly Block called the agency's handling of the rule change "well-supported." The court decision "risks injecting more uncertainty at a time when the nation needs regulatory stability," she said.

Environmental groups celebrated the ruling by a three-member panel of the Court of Appeals.

"Today's decision is the perfect Inauguration Day present for America," said Ben Levitan, a lawyer for the Environmental Defense Fund, one of the groups that had challenged the Trump rule in court.

The ruling "confirms that the Trump administration's dubious attempt to get rid of common-sense limits on climate pollution from power plants was illegal," Levitan said. "Now we can turn to the critically important work of protecting Americans from climate change and creating new clean energy jobs."

A coalition of environmental groups, some state governments and others had challenged the Trump administration's so-called Affordable Clean Energy, or ACE, rule for the power sector. The rule, which was made final in 2019, replaced the Clean Power Plan, the Obama administration's signature program to address climate change.

The court decision came on the last full day in office for the Trump administration. Under Trump, the EPA rolled back dozens of public health and environmental protections as the administration sought to cut regulation overall, calling much of it unnecessary and a burden to business.

Trump, who campaigned in 2016 on a pledge to bring back the struggling coal industry, repealed the Obama administration's plan to reduce emissions from coal-fired plants that power the nation's electric grid. The Clean Power Plan, one of President Barack Obama's legacy efforts to slow climate change, was blocked in court before its 2017 repeal.

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Tuesday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
QS-4C-3H-9H-7S
Midday Daily 3
9-5-9
Midday Daily 4
5-7-3-1
Daily 3
3-8-6
Daily 4
5-5-7-6
Fantasy 5
17-29-33-34-38
Keno
04-05-10-12-13-17-21-24-25-26-31-32-40-51-52-55-57-58-60-64-72-80
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: $850 million
Powerball
Estimated jackpot: $730 million

Monday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
30-32-34-39-44
Cash4Life
04-06-07-33-53, Cash Ball: 1
Quick Draw Midday
05-06-09-10-14-19-23-34-37-39-43-48-55-58-60-64-65-67-72-76, BE: 5
Daily Three-Midday
4-6-2, SB: 8
Daily Three-Evening
9-7-7, SB: 2
Daily Four-Midday
5-7-3-9, SB: 8
Daily Four-Evening
8-8-0-9, SB: 2
Quick Draw Evening
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17-27-29-34-36-38, Extra Shot: 23
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
08-13-15-22-26
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'We know this is real': New clinics aid virus 'long-haulers'

By JENNFER PELTZ
Associated Press

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Dr. Alan Roth talks to reporters at Jamaica Hospital Medical Center in New York on Dec. 29, 2020. Dozens of clinics have cropped up around the U.S. to address a puzzling and troubling aspect of COVID-19 – the after-effects that can stubbornly afflict some people weeks or months after the infection itself has subsided.

NEW YORK — COVID-19 came early for Catherine Busa, and it never really left.

The 54-year-old New York City school secretary didn't have any underlying health problems when she caught the coronavirus in March, and she recovered at her Queens home.

But some symptoms lingered: fatigue she never experienced during years of rising at 5 a.m. for work; pain, especially in her hands and wrists; an altered sense of taste and smell that made food unappealing; and a welling depression. After eights months of suffering, she made her way to Jamaica Hospital Medical Center – to a clinic specifically for post-COVID-19 care.

"I felt myself in kind of a hole, and I couldn't look on the bright side," Busa said. She did not feel helped by visits to other doctors. But it was different at the clinic.

"They validated the way I felt," she said. "That has helped me push through everything I'm fighting."

The clinic is one of dozens of such facilities that have cropped up around the U.S. to address a puzzling aspect of COVID-19 – the effects that can stubbornly afflict some people weeks or months after the infection itself has subsided.

The programs' approaches vary, but they share the goal of trying to comprehend, treat and give credence to patients who cannot get free of the virus that has infected more than 24 million Americans and killed about 400,000.

"We know this is real," said Dr. Alan Roth, who oversees the Jamaica Hospital clinic. He has been grappling with body pain, fatigue and "brain fog" characterized by occasional forgetfulness since his own relatively mild bout with COVID-19 in March.

Like so much else in the pandemic, the scientific picture of so-called long-haulers is still developing. It's not clear how prevalent long-term COVID problems are or why some patients keep suffering while others do not.

Current indications are that up to 30 percent of patients continue to have significant problems that intrude on daily life two to three weeks after testing positive. Perhaps as many as 10 percent are still afflicted three to six months later, according to Dr. Wesley Self, a Vanderbilt University emergency physician and researcher who co-wrote a July report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Doctors have known for months that intensive care patients can face extended recoveries. But many COVID-19 long-haulers were never critically ill.

COVID-19 mutations rise along with cases

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Chief Medical Writer

The race against the virus that causes COVID-19 has taken a new turn: Mutations are rapidly popping up, and the longer it takes to vaccinate people, the more likely it is that a variant that can elude current tests, treatments and vaccines could emerge.

The coronavirus is becoming more genetically diverse, and health officials say the high rate of new cases is the main reason. Each new infection gives the virus a chance to mutate as it makes copies of itself, threatening to undo the progress made so far to control the pandemic.

On Friday, the World Health Organization urged more effort to detect new variants. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said a new version first identified in the United Kingdom may become dominant in the U.S. by March. Although it doesn't cause more severe illness, it will lead to more hospitalizations and deaths just because it spreads much more easily, said the CDC, warning of "a new phase of exponential growth."

"We're taking it really very seriously," Dr. Anthony Fauci, the U.S. government's top infectious disease expert, said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

"We need to do everything we can now ... to get transmission as low as we possibly can," said Harvard University's Dr. Michael Mina. "The best way to prevent mutant strains from emerging is to slow transmission."

So far, vaccines seem to remain effective, but there are signs that some of the new mutations may undermine tests for the virus and reduce the effectiveness of antibody drugs as treatments.

"We're in a race against time" because the virus "may stumble upon a mutation" that makes it more dangerous, said Dr. Pardis Sabeti, an evolutionary biologist at the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard.

Younger people may be less willing to wear masks, shun crowds and take other steps to avoid infection because the current strain doesn't seem to make them very sick, but "in one mutational change, it might," she warned. Sabeti documented a change in the Ebola virus during the 2014 outbreak that made it much worse.

Attorneys: Ex-governor charged in wrong county over Flint

By ED WHITE and DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Attorneys for former Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder are striking back, telling prosecutors Tuesday that the Flint water case should be dismissed because he was charged in the wrong county.

Snyder was charged last week with two misdemeanor counts of willful neglect of duty. He was indicted by a Genesee County judge who sat as a grand juror and considered evidence presented by prosecutors.

"Neither of these allegations of non-feasance, or failure to act, occurred while the former Governor was in the City of Flint. At all times set forth in the Indictment, our client was the presiding governor of the State of Michigan with the Executive Office of the Governor located at the Romney Building in downtown Lansing," attorney Brian Lennon said in a letter to prosecutors.

The letter was attached to a request for documents and other evidence possessed by prosecutors, a typical step by the defense in a criminal case. Lennon indicated in the letter that he soon would formally ask Judge William Crawford to dismiss the case against the Republican former governor.

A hearing took place Tuesday in Snyder's case. The next hearing was scheduled for Feb. 23.

"The reason we didn't file a motion to dismiss is we're trying to give the government an opportunity to recognize this mistake and voluntarily dismiss the indictment against Gov. Snyder," Lennon told the judge.

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SH may revise short-term rental ordinance

Program ran a $100,000 deficit in 2020

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — When South Haven city officials approved an ordinance two years ago to charge short-term rental homeowners $500 annually to rent their dwellings on a regular basis, officials thought the fees would offset home inspection costs and other expenditures associated with the STR program.

But so far that hasn't happened. In 2020, administration and home safety inspections associated with the STR program ended up costing the city $100,000 – something Mayor Scott Smith said needs to be addressed.

"Clearly we've got to get these costs in line," Smith said at Monday's council meeting. "We can't keep losing money on behalf of taxpayers."

Other council members agreed, spending more than an hour Monday discussing ways to make the short-term rental program more cost effective, while still ensuring homes are safe.

City council members originally enacted the short-term rental ordinance four years ago following public outcry over the rapid increase of homes throughout the city being used as short-term rentals. Others complained that many STRs were actually more like commercial businesses, due to the many vacationers using the homes throughout the year. People also said that vacationers were too noisy and inconsiderate of neighbors living next to the STRs.

To address the concerns the ordinance was established.

Among other provisions, it sets a cap on how many homes can be registered as STRs; requires STRs to be registered; establishes a $500 registration fee for business STRs; and requires annual home safety inspections.

The annual registration fee for the business/STRs brought in $206,300 in 2020. That money was used to offset costs associated with the STR registration process, completing annual home safety inspections, and addressing complaints associated with homeowners and vacationers violating the ordinance.

However, administering the program and home inspections cost $307,079 – thus the $100,779 deficit.

Part of the loss could be attributed to fewer homes being used for STRs last year, according to City Manager Kate Hosier. "This past year because of the decrease we saw a shortfall," she said.

In 2019, 619 homes were registered in the STR program. But in 2020 the number dropped to 502 (a 19 percent reduction), according to Building and Zoning Administrator Travis Sullivan.

So far this year, 319 homes have been registered for business STR use, leaving 245 registration certificates still available, according to the city's cap on the number of dwellings that can be rented to vacationers.

At this point it's not yet known if the 564 business STRs allowed by the 1-to-4 ratio will be fulfilled, but the city council wants the city planning commission to address several issues over the next 60 days to best determine how to administrate the short-term rental program without incurring further deficits. Options include:

■ Raise annual registration fees to offset any future deficit;

■ Reduce the number of people it takes to inspect homes each year. Currently, inspections involve three people. Outsourcing inspections, which some municipalities do, can reduce costs;

■ Change the requirement that inspections be conducted every year. Instead, conduct inspections every other year. Or, limit the safety inspection to when a homeowner first applies for a business STR certificate, and then require an inspection only if there is a change of home ownership or management of the home rental by a property management group;

■ Determine how much of the city's housing stock should be included in the 1-to-4 residential housing formula that is used annually to determine how many STR certificates can be granted in the city. Currently, government subsidized senior living facilities, apartments and homes are used as part of the equation. However, the STR ordinance only applies to detached single-use family homes. Condominiums and homes in planned unit developments are exempt from the ordinance with the exception of safety inspections if the dwellings are used as STRs.

FEELS LIKE A REAL WINTER

Don Campbell / HP staff

A hiker walks among snow-covered trees on Tuesday afternoon at Riverview Park in St. Joseph, after a light snowfall hit the region.

ST. JOSEPH

Applications being taken for city commission seat

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Applications are being taken now for an upcoming vacancy on the St. Joseph City Commission.

Commissioner Peggy Getty announced recently that she will be resigning in the next couple of months because her husband's job has been transferred to South Bend, and they will be moving there.

The city charter requires the remaining commissioners to appoint a person to fill a vacancy. The person appointed will serve the rest of Getty's term, which expires in November.

The charter does not describe or require a specific process for naming a replacement. But the city commission decided at its Jan. 11 meeting to open the vacancy to all eligible and interested residents.

A required affidavit form and specific details about how to apply are available now on the city's website, www.sjcity.com.

Applicants must be a city resident for at least one year, a U.S. citizen, a registered voter and not disqualified by law from holding a public office. Applications are due by 5 p.m. Feb. 4.

Applicants will be interviewed publicly but the specific process will depend on the number of applicants. Commissioners will decide at the city's Feb. 8 meeting whether interviews will be conducted by the full commission or by a committee. Applicants are encouraged to attend that meeting, which will be held via Zoom.

After interviews are conducted, the person selected to fill the seat will be appointed once Getty has officially resigned.

The appointment procedure to fill the vacant seat is unrelated to the separate process required to declare candidacy and run for office in the 2021 elections. Anyone intending to run for the city commission in the November election must file their candidacy with the city clerk by April 20, a deadline established by Michigan law.

For more information, send an email to: clerk@sjcity.com, or call 983-6325.

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SH ice rink hours expanded to 7 days a week

By HP STAFF

SOUTH HAVEN — Ice skaters will now have more opportunities to use the downtown South Haven ice rink.

City officials announced this week that the rink is now open, free of charge, seven days a week from 3 p.m.-8 p.m. However, skating rentals and concessions are still not available due to COVID-19-related restrictions.

The rink had been closed to the public from Nov. 25-Dec. 18 because of social distancing requirements to curb the spread of the virus.

"Bear in mind, the ice rink operations are subject to change, taking in account any modifications associated with the COVID-19 pandemic guidelines or weather conditions," said Sue Brock, director of the city's Downtown Development Authority, which oversees ice rink operations. "All updates or changes to the ice rink operations will be posted to the City's website and Facebook page."

Submitted file photo / Tom Renner

South Haven's ice rink normally attracts a crowd of children, teens and adults each winter, as this photo from 2018 shows. This year, however, due to COVID-19 social distancing restrictions, only 20 skaters can use the rink at a time.

An ice rink attendant will be present during open skate times to ensure all ice rink rules and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services guidelines are followed. Guidelines include:

■ Face masks must always be worn, on and off the ice;

■ Rink capacity is limited to 20 skaters on the ice at any given time;

■ Spectators and participants are expected to stay six feet apart.

"Skaters are encouraged to limit their skate time to 30-minute intervals so that during this year's limited capacity, everyone can enjoy the rink," Brock said. "It is recommended to dress accordingly for all weather conditions, as the indoor rink office will be closed."

Robert Harper named Benton Twp. fire chief

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Benton Township has a new fire chief.

Robert Harper, who was previously the lieutenant of the Benton Township Fire Department, was named fire chief at Tuesday's township board meeting.

Benton Township trustees agreed to a three-year contract with Harper as its fire chief.

"I'm really excited about this new role and have plans for the future regarding programs and public education," Harper said in an interview after the board meeting. "I would like to implement green address signs to make it easier for first responders to find the addresses quicker. Great things are coming."

According to his contract, which ends Dec. 31, 2023, Harper's annual salary is $77,000 a year. However, after six months as chief, Harper's salary is to increase to $82,000.

After that, Harper would be entitled to the same percentage raises that are granted each year to non-union municipal employees.

"I began my career back in '85. It's been a long, hard road," Harper said. "I've gotten a lot of support from family, friends and colleagues."

Harper said he plans to create a Facebook page for the fire department to get the word out on what the township is up to regarding fire safety.

"I want to to give people fire tips and show the taxpayers what their money is going toward," he said.

Harper began as a volunteer firefighter with Hagar Township in 1985, while in high school.

He began working as a firefighter at Benton Township in 2003. He was promoted to lieutenant three years ago.

Harper was also a firefighter and paramedic for Covert Township Fire Department from 1993 to 2018, with the last 15 of those years being served concurrently with Benton Township.

He has also worked as a firefighter and paramedic at Gingerman Raceway in South Haven from 1997 to 2014.

Harper replaces longtime Fire Chief Dan Durham, who has been with the township's fire department for more than three decades in various positions.

Durham joined the Benton Township Fire Department in 1987.

"Chief Durham has done a great job in his career in Benton Township," Harper said. "He and the township have helped prepare me for this."

The next Benton Township board meeting is at 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 2.

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IN BRIEF

COVID numbers hold steady Tuesday

Berrien County recorded 37 new COVID-19 cases on Tuesday, along with 41 new recoveries.

No new deaths were recorded.

The county is at about 1,364 active COVID-19 cases. That's down from 1,446 last Tuesday.

COVID hospitalizations at Spectrum Health Lakeland dropped to 35 on Tuesday. That's down from 45 last Tuesday.

A recent COVID-19 outbreak was reported at Buchanan Meadows Living Center on Tuesday, according to the state's long-term care facilities report for Jan. 1-12. The center had 16 new resident cases, and one new staff case during that time.

A few other area facilities reported one or two new cases in residents and staff. View the whole report at michigan.gov/coronavirus.

As of Sunday, 5,944 doses of COVID-19 vaccine had been administered in Berrien County, 764 doses in Cass County and 3,283 doses in Van Buren County.

Van Buren County recorded 47 new COVID-19 cases Tuesday, while Cass County recorded 29. No new deaths were recorded in either county.

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Giuliani's descent from America's mayor to dark knight

Jonah Goldberg

"You either die a hero or live long enough to see yourself become the villain," Harvey Dent, the heroic district attorney of Gotham, proclaims in "The Dark Knight." The fatalistic idea being that one can only do so much good in the world before you start balancing out the scales with evil. Dent goes on to become the villain Two-Face.

Rudolph W. Giuliani – the former U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York and former mayor of New York, the city Gotham was based on – might have pondered that a bit.

If Giuliani had passed from the scene shortly after 9/11, schools and bridges would be named after him today. George Will once proclaimed that Giuliani's years as mayor "constitute perhaps America's most transformative conservative governance in the last half-century." After his handling of New York's response to the 9/11 attacks, Giuliani was proclaimed "America's mayor." Time magazine named him Person of the Year. Queen Elizabeth made him an honorary knight.

But now he's a different kind of dark knight. Instead of donning a cape to crusade against crime, he beclowns not just himself but the president he sycophantly serves.

As Donald Trump's personal lawyer, Giuliani helped the president get impeached – twice. He enabled and encouraged the president's conspiracy theories about Ukraine's role in the 2016 election that Trump's own homeland security adviser insisted had been "completely debunked."

Then, after the November election, Giuliani elbowed past Trump's other legal advisers to play the lead carnival barker of a "stolen election" conspiracy so vast that it includes a dead Venezuelan strongman, Chinese communists and just about everyone shy of Colonel Sanders – though Giuliani would almost certainly entertain ideas about the Colonel's complicity if you sent him the evidence from a Reddit post.

A one-man full employment act for fact-checkers, Giuliani has gone around the country lying about evidence that doesn't exist and refusing to offer any evidence to judges because there are penalties for lying in court.

"I was absolutely shocked to learn that many, many, if not all of our ballots are calculated outside the United States of America," Giuliani declared on his podcast, on which he often sounds like the guy at the end of the bar who needs his car keys confiscated. For the record, ballots are counted in America – and the Trump campaign watched it happen.

Worse, Giuliani himself took to the stage Jan. 6 to convince the mob that Trump could still win if Congress and Vice President Mike Pence would just reject constitutionally valid electors. The mob descended on the Capitol like Bane's army on Gotham.

Over the weekend, Giuliani told ABC's Jonathan Karl that he would be defending the president in his impeachment trial. His intended strategy? To convince the Senate that the election really was stolen.

"They basically claimed that any time (Trump) says voter fraud, voter fraud – or I do, or anybody else – we're inciting to violence; that those words are fighting words because it's totally untrue," Giuliani explained. "Well, if you can prove that it's true, or at least true enough so it's a legitimate viewpoint, then they are no longer fighting words."

Putting aside the fact that it's neither true nor a legitimate viewpoint, it would still be incitement even if it were true. You can't legally incite a mob to storm a jailhouse on the grounds that someone was unlawfully arrested, and you can't incite a mob to storm the Capitol because you claim the election was stolen. Once America's foremost law-and-order politician, Giuliani now seems to think mob action is justified when the mob claims it has a reason to be angry. It's almost like he just wants to see the world burn.

Now, it is not a settled question that Trump intended to incite violence. Yet Giuliani seems to think so, given his argument that the storming of the Capitol could be justified if the lies about a stolen election could be proved. Which is what you'd expect from the guy who told the crowd the election could be settled by "trial by combat."

A day after Giuliani's comments to Karl, Trump reportedly told Giuliani he would not be defending Trump at the Senate trial after all, suggesting that the president may actually have better judgment than his lawyer.

Of all the figures around Trump, including Trump himself, Giuliani's descent into villainy is the most tragic, because tragedy is about the downfall of heroes. Like all good villains, Giuliani is at peace with what he's become. When warned by friends he's setting fire to his legacy, Giuliani said, "My attitude about my legacy is f--- it."

Mission accomplished, Mr. Mayor.

Jonah Goldberg is editor-in-chief of The Dispatch and the host of The Remnant podcast.

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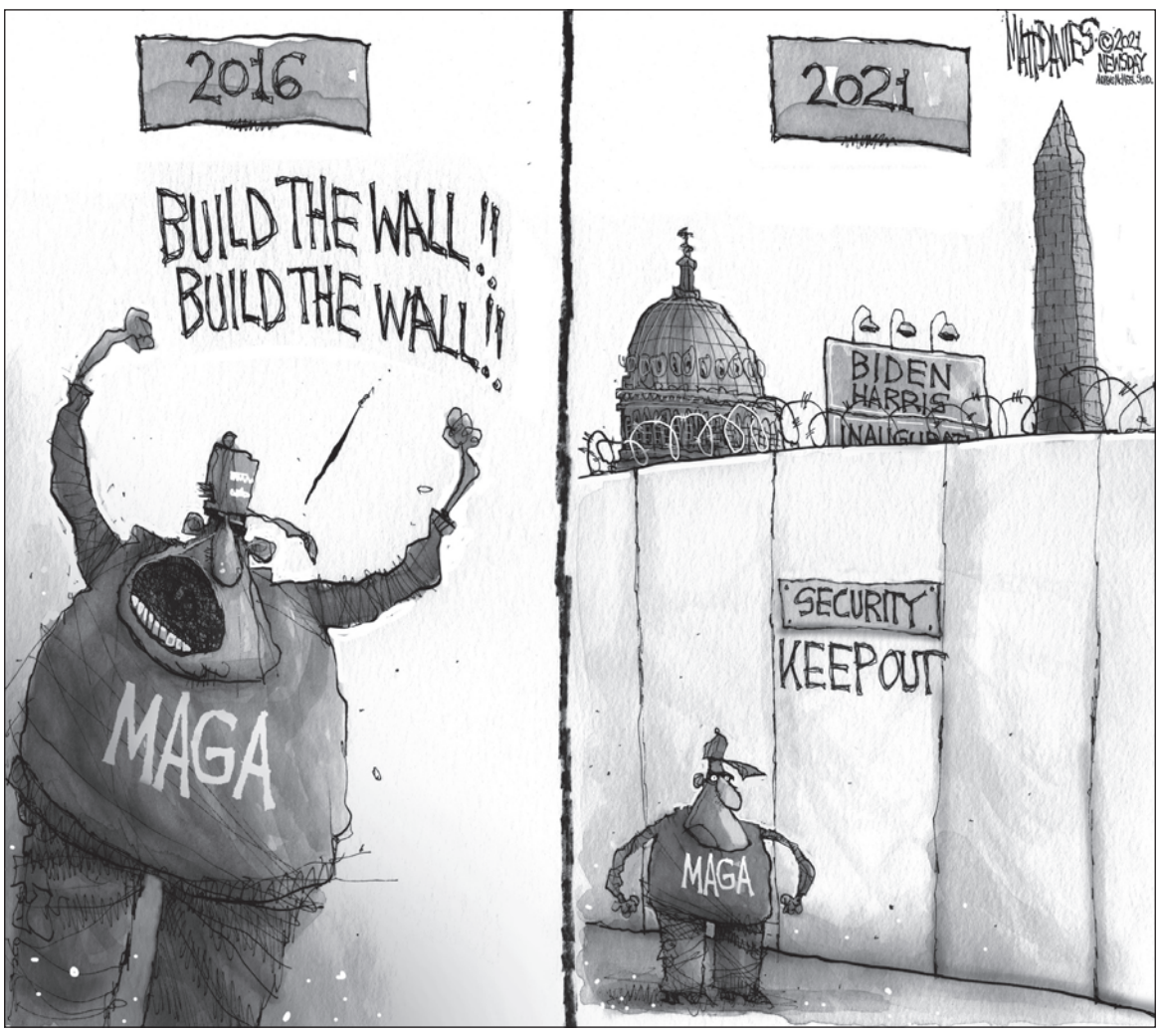

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Berrien vaccine operation is impressive

Editor,

We moved here 20 years ago.

And were never more impressed with local experiences than the Berrien County Health Department's information system regarding COVID-19 vaccine inoculation. Their information was timely, complete and easy to understand. Their response to this crisis was amazing. Easy to schedule a request for an appointment.

And upon arrival at their facility the entire staff was kind, responsive, accurate and through. The attitude of kindness was everywhere, asking us if we needed assistance, communicating when our turn came up, and even seeing the National Guard helping out in every way.

I must point out that at this time of attacking our government at every turn has become almost a hobby and way of life for so many ill-informed citizens. what I saw Saturday drowned out that those silly critics. What I saw was government at its best in every way, shape and form. This response at this critical time should show us all government has a role to play in our society that cannot be replaced by naysayers or cult members.

Thank you to Berrien County Health staff and the National Guard for a job well done.

John F. Miller
Shoreham

Health department exceeded expectations

Editor,

Last Saturday morning I, along with the senior members of my family, went to the Berrien County Health Department and received our COVID-19 vaccinations. After a year of watching our federal government fumble the pandemic response and wondering if help was ever coming, we were anxious as to what would await us at the site. After the mess at the Capitol, all things seemed to be on the table.

We found what we hoped for – competence. Our county health personnel were top notch and ready. The staff was prepared and well trained, we all were vaccinated and back in our cars in a half hour, which includes a 20-minute sit after the shot, for our safety. (Nice thin needle that felt like a mosquito bite).

It is so nice to see our government working – perhaps this is the beginning of a beautiful year. Our COVID hangover is coming but at least we are headed in the right direction. Let's smile again.

Bill Sullivan
St. Joseph

Vaccination process was wonderful experience

Editor,

Just a note to share with you that Sharon and I went today to have our vaccine shots at the Health Department in Benton Harbor. It was a wonderful experience. It was all so well organized and the staff that directed the process was very kind, compassionate and helpful. The shots were given by National Guard soldiers whose professionalism was outstanding.

Hats off to the Berrien County Health Department. The National Guard experts giving us shots from Pfizer were so wonderful. We were proud to be Americans as we saw the outstanding work done by the young people.

These are the kind of citizens that exhibit the best of our young people.

Special thanks to all who were involved.

Donald and Sharon Gillespie
St. Joseph

Vaccinations were well organized

Editor,

My husband and I were given our COVID-19 vaccinations Saturday afternoon at the Berrien County Health Department. The process was well organized, efficient, and carried out by many employees. Everyone with whom we interacted was friendly and caring. It was impressive.

I just want to say "thank you" to all of them.

Jane Thayer
Berrien Springs

Upton leads with vote, but who will follow?

Editor,

I'm glad to see U.S. Rep. Fred Upton – after four years of lip-biting – finally said "enough is enough" with our outlaw president. Upton's Jan. 13 vote to impeach Donald Trump is better late than never.

I hope Upton's impeachment vote inspires other elected Republicans – from fellow lip-biters to true believers – in Southwest Michigan to say "good riddance" to Dear Leader.

The elected leaders in law enforcement known to be enthused about Trump should feel the most compelled to jettison the dirtbag – if they haven't already. I'm thinking about Cass County Prosecutor Victor Fitz and Berrien County Sheriff Paul Bailey.

How anyone sworn to uphold the law – including rank-and-file officers – could support such a notorious scofflaw (and racist) is unnerving.

It can be fairly deduced that Trump supporters in law enforcement define "law and order" the old-fashioned, Nixonian way: "Keeping the black, brown, indigenous, poor and left in line." Meanwhile, rich white guys in good suits get a pass – even if they (like Trump) leave mile-long, Day-Glo slime trails.

Jim Dalgleish
St. Joseph

Time for Upton to become a Democrat

Editor,

Last year, former Vice President and then-presumptive Democrat presidential contender Joe Biden described U.S. Congressman Fred Upton as, "One of the finest guys I've ever worked with." I'm sure the feeling was mutual.

But in the midst of a Biden family corruption scandal that the media was mostly successful in covering up, Fred was careful to walk a fine line between his thinly-veiled dislike of President Trump and his affinity for his old pal Joe Biden.

Now, without any evidence whatsoever that President Trump instigated the riotous break-in of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 – in fact there's growing evidence to the contrary – Fred has leaped out of the closet and grasped the opportunity to jump aboard Nancy Pelosi's Trump impeachment train, along with nine other turncoat Republicans. There's only one thing left for Fred to do – no more pretending to be a Republican – just switch to the Democrat party and be done with it.

Tom McCort
New Troy

Blessings in a Backpack helps feed children

Editor,

It's good to have neighbors who pitch in over the holidays! River Valley Blessings in a Backpack would like to acknowledge our community "neighbors" who provided extra support at Christmas.

Fifty-dollar grocery gift certificates for Harding's Friendly Market in Three Oaks were included in each child's pack; Dennis and Staci have helped our project each year. Greg Rowles and Steven Witcher of Harbor Country Toys for Tots provided special gifts for the packs. The Pokagon Fund awarded funds for the bulk of our food costs. Thank you, all!

River Valley Blessings in a Backpack provides food on the weekends for school children who might otherwise go hungry. Our program is made possible through volunteers' time and efforts, food and cash donations, and grant awards. One hundred percent of all donations go toward the cost of the food. For more information about the program, please visit blessingsinabackpack.org or our Facebook page, or call 269-756-9812.

Vickie Wagner
Program Coordinator
Three Oaks

Trump had early lessons on how to be a bully

Editor,

Donald Trump is, unfortunately, a victim of his own upbringing. As a millionaire child by the age of 8, he was raised in a wealthy business family with the proverbial silver spoon in his mouth. As a young man, he was mentored by Roy Cohn, counsel to Sen. Joseph McCarthy during the hearings of 1954.

Roy Cohn's upbringing was much like Donald Trump. Born into a wealthy family, he became a prominent political fixer in New York City in the late 1970s and during the 1980s, allegedly not paying his bills, daring his creditors to sue him for what he owed, not paying his taxes and racking up millions of dollars in liens. "He made his legal and political career," wrote British historian Eric Hobsbawm, "in a milieu where money and power override rules and law – indeed where the ability to get, and get away with, what lesser citizens cannot, is what proves membership of an elite."

Producer Matt Tyrnauer in regards to a 2019 documentary stated Cohn imparted an M.O. that's been on display throughout Trump's ascent: "Deflect and distract, never give in, never admit fault, lie and attack, publicity no matter what, win no matter what, all underpinned by a deep, prove-me-wrong belief in the power of chaos and fear."

Cohn's mentoring seems to have led Donald Trump to live by these same rules. Those bully tactics might work when you are a super rich businessman, but when you are dealing with the United States of America, it's Constitution and lawfully elected congressmen and senate leaders, it's a different story.

You can keep saying you won an election in a landslide that was rigged, but unlike trying to lie to one of your contractors or creditors to get out of paying them, you can't fool the great people of the United States save for some radicalized thugs and white supremacist groups. It's not just one powerful man's word against another. This election was well documented, supervised, secure and legal as it has been for over two centuries. The election records and recounts have proven that.

The sad thing is, had Donald Trump been raised in a world based on reality and not influenced by people like Roy Cohn, he might have been a great president with understanding for the people he was elected to serve, not his own self interests. Had that been, I doubt we would have seen an incitement to riot on the Capitol, the sacred symbol of the democracy of the United States, with his delusional idea to "win no matter what."

Alan D. Phillips
St. Joseph

AP-NORC POLL

Virus, economy swamp other priorities for U.S.

By NICHOLAS RICCARDI and HANNAH FINGERHUT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Containing the coronavirus outbreak and repairing the economic damage it has inflicted are the top priorities for Americans as Joe Biden prepares to become the 46th president of the United States, according to a new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Overall, 53 percent of Americans name COVID-19 as one of the top five issues they want the government to tackle this year, and 68 percent mention in some way the economy, which is still reeling from the outbreak. In an open-ended question, those priorities far outpace others, like foreign affairs, immigration, climate change or racial inequality. The findings suggest Biden's political fate is riding on his administration's response to the pandemic.

"I just want to be through it," said Kennard Taylor, a 20-year-old Detroit college student who had to move back home when the pandemic shuttered his campus and who lost his grandfather to the disease. "There are other things, but I'd say right now this is the priority for me."

The Democratic president-elect last week unveiled a proposed $1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package and has vowed to provide 100 million vaccination shots in his first 100 days, an ambitious goal that his health team is already scrambling to meet.

The poll was taken in December, before a pro-Trump mob stormed the U.S. Capitol seeking to halt the certification of Biden's election on Jan. 6, leading the U.S. House to impeach President Donald Trump for a second time. It also pre-dates the record number of coronavirus deaths this month, which has seen more than 4,000 die of the disease in several 24-hour periods, and a slow and bumpy start to vaccine distribution.

In a reflection of the series of national traumas from last year, another issue moved sharply up Americans' priority list for 2021 – racial inequality. After a year in which the country was convulsed by the May killing of George Floyd by a white Minneapolis police officer and the ensuing Black Lives Matters demonstrations, 24 percent cited race relations as a priority. In contrast, only 10 percent cited it in late 2019 as a priority for 2020.

Forty-three percent of Black Americans mention racism and racial inequality as a priority for 2021, compared with 22 percent of white Americans and 21 percent of Hispanics.

Still, even that issue takes a backseat to COVID-19 among some. "There's no point reforming police and racism if we're all dead," said Aaron Williams, a 34-year-old African-American construction worker in Rosenberg, Texas.

"Nothing is going to pick up or change unless we get rid of the virus first," said Williams, who lost his job last year after the virus reached the country and has been making do with temporary work.

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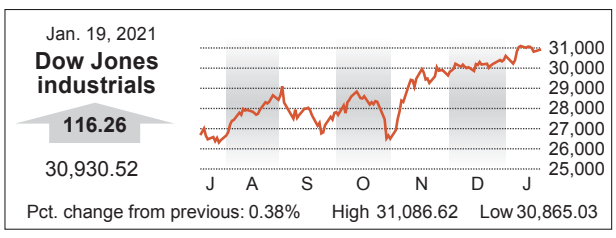

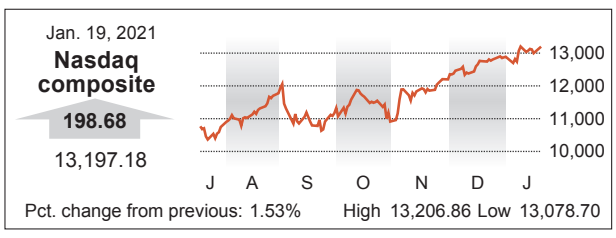

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OBITUARIES

Death notices

Verlyn Cowgill, 83, from Coloma died Jan. 18, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet,463-3811.

Samuel Gonzales, 17, of Benton Harbor died Jan. 15, 2021. Halbritter-Wickens Funeral Home, Niles, 683-3000.

Daniel Holmes, 45, of St. Joseph died Jan. 11, 2021. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Robert Hullinger, 81, of Niles died Jan. 18, 2021, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Brown Funeral Home, Niles, 683-1155.

Stephen Jewell, 73, of Stevensville died Jan. 17, 2021. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Joy "Katie" McAbee, 78, of Clayton, Del., formerly of Niles, died Jan. 18, 2021, at home. Brown Funeral Home, Niles, 683-1155.

Loren K. Wilson, 81, of St. Joseph died Jan. 15, 2021. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Marietta Pauline Ziebart, 87, of St. Joseph died Jan. 16, 2021, at Blodgett Memorial Hospital, Grand Rapids. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Loren K. Wilson

May 6, 1939 – Jan. 15, 2021

Loren K. Wilson, 81, of St. Joseph passed away Friday, Jan. 15, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. A celebration of life service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 613 Court St., St. Joseph, with Pastor Michael Roth officiating. Burial will follow at Riverview Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to the service at the church.

Out of respect for the family and guests in attendance, masks and proper social distancing will be required and we ask to eliminate congregating in the narthex area. Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church and School, http://www.trinitystjoe.org/church/donations, or Berrien County Cancer Service, https://bccancerservice.org/ways-to-give. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Loren was born on May 6, 1939, in St. Joseph to Harry and Iva (Smith) Wilson. He graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1958.

Following high school, Loren enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he proudly served our country.

On Aug. 13, 1966, Loren married the love of his life, Helen Ziegert, at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Loren enjoyed spending time outdoors fishing and hunting for pheasants and turkeys. He also spent the mornings with his friends having coffee at the old Dale's Doughnuts and more recently, McDonald's. Being the proud father he was, Loren loved cheering on his son, Mark, while he played basketball and soccer. He was known for being a perfectionist when it came to the look of his pristine yard and spotless car, never having a blade of grass or speck of dust out of place.

He was a proud member of the Stevensville American Legion Post 568, Trinity Lutheran Church, and very active in attending his 1958 class reunion activities. Loren was an incredible man with a personality and smile that would light up a room; he will truly be missed by all who knew him.

Loren is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Helen; son, Mark Wilson; siblings: Gordon Wilson and Patricia Hanner; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Harry and Iva; and his brother, Richard.

Stephen Charles Jewell

Aug. 22, 1947 – Jan. 17, 2021

Stephen Charles Jewell, 73, of Stevensville passed away Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021, at Woodland Terrace, Bridgman.

Steve was born on Aug. 22, 1947, in Benton Harbor, the son of the late Charles and Frances "Kay" (Barr) Jewell. He was baptized at the First Congregational Church in St. Joseph on May 9, 1948.

Steve attended the original two-room Evans School in south St. Joseph, where he met his lifelong friend Stan Sacha. He was a 1965 graduate of Lakeshore High School, where he played football and basketball for the Lancers and tenor saxophone in the band. In 1969, he graduated from Albion College in Albion, Mich., where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

On Aug. 9, 1975, Steve married Suzanne Marie Kramer. Steve started his career in journalism as a photographer, and enjoyed taking pictures all his life. He was News Editor for The Herald-Palladium newspaper for many years, retiring in 2015. Steve will always be remembered for his sense of humor and delight in family and small pleasures. He loved to spend time up north at the family cabin in Bear Lake, Mich., fishing, waterskiing and boating. Steve was a huge fan of the Michigan Wolverines and Albion College Britons.

Survivors include his wife, Suzanne Jewell; children: Joseph (Katie) Jewell and Elizabeth Jewell; grandsons: Richard, Theodore and Elliott Jewell, to whom he was a loving and playful "Papa"; his sister, Kathy (Thomas) Myers; niece and nephew: Jayme and Ben Myers, to whom he was a funny and caring "Unk"; great-nieces: Phoenix, Sonia and Sigourney; and sister-in-law, Barbara (Tal) Day.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m., Friday, Jan. 22, at Hickory Bluff Cemetery, Stevensville, with Pastor Jesse Knox of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church officiating. Once family and friends can gather again safely, we will plan a larger celebration of Steve's life.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Albion College men's basketball, 611 E. Porter St., Albion, MI 49224, or www.albion.edu/giving; Lakeshore Lancer Band, 5771 Cleveland Ave., Stevensville, MI 49127; or National German Shorthaired Pointer Rescue, www.gspca.org/Rescue.

Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman.

Marietta Pauline Ziebart

June 5, 1933 – Jan. 16, 2021

Marietta Pauline Ziebart, 87, of St. Joseph went home to Jesus on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021, at Blodgett Memorial Hospital, Grand Rapids. The funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 613 Court St., St. Joseph, with Pastor Michael Roth officiating. Burial will follow at Riverview Cemetery, St. Joseph.

Out of respect for the family and guests in attendance, masks and proper social distancing will be required. Friends may visit with the family from 2 to 4 p.m., on Saturday, Jan. 23, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church or Trinity Lutheran School. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Marietta was born on June 5, 1933, in Harbor Beach, Mich., to Arnold and Vincenta (Sandmann) Glaess. While in eighth grade, her family moved to St. Joseph and she began attending Trinity Lutheran School.

Marietta graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1951 and from Concordia Teachers College in River Forest in 1953. While attending a Walther League event, Marietta met the love of her life, Alvin Ziebart. The two were married on Aug. 21, 1954, at Trinity Lutheran Church. They were happily married for almost 53 years before his passing in 2006.

Marietta was involved in The Concordia Guild and The Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid Society for many years. Marietta was a member of Berrien Hills Country Club where she enjoyed playing golf. She also liked to play bridge with her friends and had an incredible talent for sewing and cooking. The Lord blessed her with a loving family and she cherished the time she had with her children and grandchildren. Marietta was a tremendous lady and will truly be missed by all who knew her.

Marietta is survived by her children: Deborah (Doug) Kolberg of Grand Haven, Thomas (Debbie) Ziebart of Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla., David (Debbie) Ziebart of Memphis, Tenn., and Steve Ziebart of St. Joseph; seven grandchildren; and a sister, Eleanor Dorow of Benton Harbor.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Arnold and Vincenta; her husband, Alvin; and her brother, Herman Glaess.

Daniel Holmes

Jan. 23, 1975 – Jan. 11, 2021

Daniel Allen "Dan, Dan the Man, Dan-O" Holmes, 45, of St. Joseph passed away Monday, Jan. 11, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

Dan was born on Jan. 23, 1975, to David & Catherine "Cathy" (Yost) Holmes. Dan endured many years of a long and difficult battle with multiple health issues and physical challenges, although he was always surrounded by love from his family. Despite his struggles, Dan was able to remain in good spirits with his irresistible smile most of the time.

A proud graduate of St. Joseph High School in 1994, he had many friends and was described by most as a kind hearted, fun-loving guy. He participated in track and field, but his true love was being on the football field. He had a never-ending passion for the game. As a die-hard sports enthusiast, he rarely missed a Michigan Wolverines or Los Angeles Lakers game.

In the earlier days of his life, he was an avid water-skier, jet-skier, and had a passion for cool cars, four-wheelers and anything else an adrenaline junkie would like. He also had a love for any music created by the artist P!NK.

Dan is survived by his loving parents: David and Cathy, who were by his side almost daily in a total commitment to his needs; brother, Jesse (Kari) Holmes of Eau Claire; nieces who meant the world to him: Layla and Lydia; and many cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.

The Holmes family is forever grateful to the many special caregivers and therapists at Royalton Manor, where Dan resided for the past 11 years. Dan was baptized in Christ on the night before he was called to his heavenly home. He was not only tough and a warrior, but was also our hero and will be missed greatly.

A memorial service will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan, www.humanesocietyswm.org, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com. "Rest in peace, Dan – until we meet again."

U.S. Constitution sales topped 1M during Trump years

NEW YORK (AP) — At the National Constitution Center, in Philadelphia, they like to joke that what's bad for the country is often good for the organization.

"Web traffic is through the roof," says the nonprofit's CEO and president, Jeffrey Rosen. "We had more than 400,000 visitors to our site in the days following Jan. 6," when supporters of President Donald Trump rampaged in the U.S. Capitol. "Our previous record was around 160,000."

From his extraordinary political rise in 2015-16 through the four years of his presidency, including his unprecedented challenges to his re-election loss to Joe Biden, Trump's tenure became a kind of ongoing seminar about how the government works and how a democracy might fail. Questions once limited to Constitutional scholars – how many Cabinet members are needed to invoke the 25th Amendment and remove the president from power, whether a state legislature has the power to overturn the votes of presidential balloting – became part of everyday conversation.

Along with dystopian novels and White House tell-alls, the U.S. Constitution has been a best-seller during the Trump years.

According to NPD BookScan, which tracks around 85 percent of the print market, more than 1 million copies of the Constitution in various editions have sold since Trump took office, compared to around 600,000 during the second term of President Barack Obama. The spike began in 2016 when Trump became the Republican candidate for president: Sales more than doubled from the year before, from 114,000 copies to 275,000, and were nearly four times higher than in Obama's first year in office, 2009.

A chart shared by BookScan with The Associated Press shows several moments in the Trump presidency that coincided with increased sales of the Constitution: when he formally accepted the Republican nomination, in July 2016; his inauguration in January 2017; the hearings for Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh in September 2018; and the formal launch by the House of Representatives, in Sept. 2019, of an impeachment inquiry into Trump's alleged efforts to pressure Ukraine's president into investigating Biden.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1996 – 25 years ago

Community Hospital in Watervliet has expanded its diagnostic services by adding a nuclear medicine department. The radiology procedure allows physicians to see the structure of many parts of the anatomy from outside the body. An advantage of this process over traditional X-rays is its ability to show how well particular organs are functioning.

1986 – 35 years ago

Kay Cater, a teacher at Berrien Springs High School, was named the Outstanding Special Education Teacher of Southwestern Michigan by Southwestern Michigan Chapter 531 of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). Cater was chose from a group of nine nominees for the award, which was presented at the CEC's Fifth Annual Outstanding Special Education Teacher Award Program at the Benton Harbor Holiday Inn.

1971 – 50 years ago

A grand opening of Gene's Super Market in Sawyer starts today. Gene Mantei of St. Joseph has taken over the store formerly owned by James Patejdl and known as Jim's Super Market. Mantei and his wife, Donna, have managed Schneck's Super Market for the past 20 years in St. Joseph.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 20, the 20th day of 2021. There are 345 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Jan. 20, 1986, the United States observed the first federal holiday in honor of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

On this date:

In 1265, England's first representative Parliament met for the first time.

In 1801, Secretary of State John Marshall was nominated by President John Adams to be chief justice of the United States. (Marshall would be sworn in on Feb. 4, 1801.)

In 1887, the U.S. Senate approved an agreement to lease Pearl Harbor in Hawaii as a naval base.

In 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt became the first chief executive to be inaugurated on Jan. 20 instead of March 4.

In 1942, Nazi officials held the notorious Wannsee conference, during which they arrived at their "final solution" that called for exterminating Europe's Jews.

In 1961, John F. Kennedy was inaugurated as the 35th President of the United States.

In 1964, Capitol Records released the album "Meet the Beatles!"

In 1981, Iran released 52 Americans it had held hostage for 444 days, minutes after the presidency had passed from Jimmy Carter to Ronald Reagan.

In 1994, Shannon Faulkner became the first woman to attend classes at The Citadel in South Carolina. (Faulkner joined the cadet corps in Aug. 1995 under court order but soon dropped out, citing isolation and stress from the legal battle.)

In 2009, Barack Obama was sworn in as the nation's 44th, as well as first African-American, president.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Snow Showers Likely	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Isolated Snow
31°	21°	38° / 25°	29° / 18°	28° / 21°	32° / 26°

Local Outlook

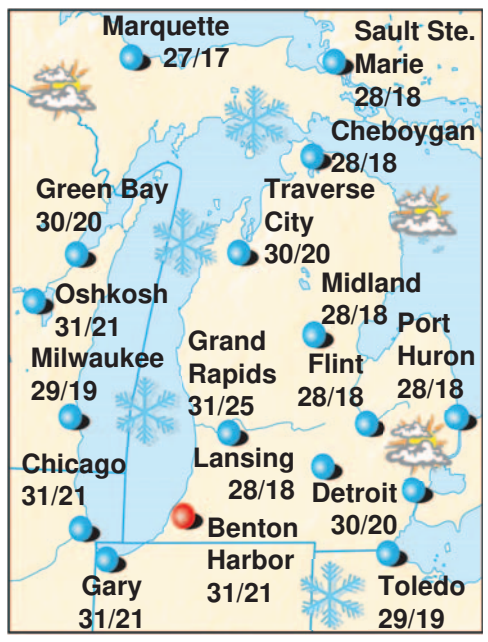
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 95% chance of snow showers, high of 31°, humidity of 70%. Southwest wind 13 to 19 mph. Snow accumulation of less than one inch possible. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 21°. Southwest wind 16 to 23 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 8:08 a.m.
Sunset ..... 5:45 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 12:11 p.m.
Moonset ..... 12:37 a.m.

First	Full	Last	New
1/20	1/28	2/4	2/11

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	29°
Low	18°
Normal High	31°
Normal Low	16°
Record High	55° in 2006
Record Low	-3° in 2003

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.96"
Normal for month	1.04"
Year to date	0.96"
Normal Year to date	1.04"

Air Quality

Yesterday 58
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

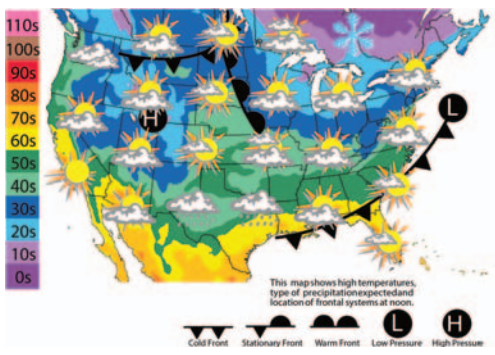
Weather Trivia

What time does the low temperature for the day usually occur?

Answer: Just after sunrise.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Jan. 20, 2021



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Lake Michigan

Today, WNW wind 12 to 20 kt. Mostly cloudy. Waves 3 to 5 ft. Water temperature 33 degrees. Tonight, SSW wind 20 to 27 kt. Partly cloudy. Waves 4 to 6 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with widespread snow showers, highs in the 20s and 30s. South southwest wind 6 to 16 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Thursday with scattered snow, highs in the 30s. West wind 19 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with scattered snow showers, highs in the 20s and 30s. Southwest wind 13 to 19 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Thursday with highs in the 30s and 40s. West southwest wind 16 to 19 mph.

Soldier arrested in plot to blow up 9/11 Memorial

NEW YORK (AP) — A U.S. Army soldier was arrested Tuesday in Georgia on terrorism charges after he spoke online about plots to blow up New York City's 9/11 Memorial and other landmarks and attack U.S. soldiers in the Middle East, authorities said.

Cole James Bridges of Stow, Ohio, was in custody on charges of attempted material support of a terrorist organization – the Islamic State group – and attempted murder of a military member, said Nicholas Biase, a spokesperson for Manhattan federal prosecutors.

The 20-year-old soldier, also known as Cole Gonzales, was with the Third Infantry Division out of Fort Stewart, Georgia, when he thought he was communicating with the Islamic State online about the terrorism plots, Biase said.

Unbeknownst to Bridges, an FBI employee was in on the chat as Bridges provided detailed instructions on tactics and manuals and advice about attacking the memorial and other targets in New York City, Biase said.

"As we allege today, Bridges, a private in the U.S. Army, betrayed our country and his unit when he plotted with someone he believed was an ISIS sympathizer to help ISIS attack and kill U.S. soldiers in the Middle East," said William F. Sweeney Jr., head of New York City's FBI office.

"Fortunately, the person with whom he communicated was an FBI employee, and we were able to prevent his evil desires from coming to fruition," Sweeney said in a release.

Bridges was scheduled to make an initial appearance in federal court in Augusta, Georgia, on Thursday.

It was not immediately clear who would represent him.

Pharmacist charged in attempt to ruin COVID-19 vaccine

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A Wisconsin pharmacist accused of trying to defrost and spoil dozens of vials of COVID-19 vaccine was charged Tuesday with attempted misdemeanor property damage, and prosecutors warned more serious charges could follow if tests show the doses were ruined.

Police arrested 46-year-old Steven Brandenburg on Dec. 31 as part of an investigation into how 57 vials of the Moderna vaccine were left for hours outside a refrigerator at Advocate Aurora Health in Grafton, a Milwaukee suburb. The vials contained enough vaccine to inoculate more than 500 people.

Detectives wrote in court documents that Brandenburg is an admitted conspiracy theorist who believed the vaccine would mutate recipients' DNA. Experts have said there's no truth to the claims that COVID-19 vaccines can genetically modify humans.

According to a criminal complaint, Brandenburg told a detective that he removed the vials from the refrigerator for three hours on Dec. 24 then replaced them. The next day he took the vials out of the refrigerator again. This time he left them out for nine hours, thinking the vaccine would be rendered ineffective if it wasn't refrigerated for 12 hours. But he said a pharmacy technician found the vials and put them back in the refrigerator.

A Moderna doctor told investigators that the vaccine could remain viable at room temperature for 24 hours, the complaint said.

HOTEL

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The hotel was accused of multiple violations under the state Department of Health and Human Services' Gatherings and Face Mask Order.

The Michigan Liquor Control Commission issued an emergency suspension order of the B Hotel License, with a specific purpose permit for food, Sunday sales permit for liquor, as well as its dance/entertainment permits.

On Dec. 11, hotel ownership agreed to pay a $1,200 fine – $300 for all four charges levied against the hotel – during an online hearing held over Zoom.

In addition to the fine, the hotel's license and permits were suspended for 30 days, or until the license was placed into escrow.

The ruling stems from a St. Joseph Department of Public Safety investigation, when police went to the hotel on Nov. 22 to investigate a complaint that the hotel was allowing indoor gatherings and providing indoor dining, contrary to the state order.

According to a report to the state, an officer "could hear music coming from the licensed establishment while standing in the parking lot. The windows to the licensed establishment were covered preventing officers from observing how many people were inside the establishment."

As a result, officers entered the hotel and saw 30-40 people eating and drinking alcohol and sitting around several tables. In the report, police said "little to none of the patrons were wearing masks."

Silver Beach Hotel is seven stories high with 150 rooms.

According to Herald-Palladium archives the hotel opened in 1970. Originally, it was a Holiday Inn. In 1997 it operated as the St. Joseph Hotel, before becoming a Clarion Hotel in 1999. The hotel took its current name in 2006.

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said from Washington, D.C., where she planned to attend President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration on Wednesday.

The governor again called for permanently extending unemployment benefits to 26 weeks, from 20, after her decision to veto a deposit into the unemployment trust fund last month nixed a temporary continuation. Whitmer, for the first time, also urged lawmakers to renew "Good Jobs for Michigan" tax incentives, which expired in 2019 and were used to attract large-scale business expansions.

A bill that would have reauthorized the program died last session but was supported by the Michigan Economic Development Corp.

Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey, a Clarklake Republican, said it was good to see the governor "finally come around" to policies previously advanced by the GOP – like providing funding to waive penalties and interest for businesses that could not pay their summer property taxes on time.

"Senate Republicans will take a look at what the governor has proposed and see where we can make improvements," he said.

Whitmer also proposed $5 million in funding for security upgrades related to the new ban on openly carried guns in the Capitol.

Vaccines

The governor said she hopes $90 million in federal vaccine funding will bring Michigan closer to its goal of 50,000 shots in arms per day. About 29,000 doses a day were administered last week.

Distributor McKesson notified the state that nearly 12,000 Moderna doses that were shipped Sunday were spoiled after getting too cold. Replacement doses were sent Monday and Tuesday.

Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan said the city received 6,000 vaccine doses this week, short of the 9,000 to 10,000 it had expected. Detroit has opened free vaccinations at the downtown TCF Center for people 70 and older, and people 65 and older who drive them to the center.

"The day the Biden Administration tells us we can count on 10,000 (vaccines) a week we are going to bring the age down to 65," he said.

Testing

The state health department encouraged universities and colleges to require weekly virus testing of all undergrads who live on or near campus and who participate in associated social activities. If that is not feasible, they should mandate testing for students on a regular but random basis, according to the guidance.

Many colleges and universities voluntarily waited to resume in-person classes until this week, two months after Whitmer prohibited face-to-face instruction to help curb a spike in cases.

McCONNELL

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Democrats the barest majority, a 50-50 Senate chamber. The new vice president, Kamala Harris, will swear them in and serve as an eventual tie-breaking vote.

The Democrats, led by Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer, will take charge of the Senate as they launch a trial to hold the defeated president responsible for the siege, while also quickly confirming Biden's Cabinet and being asked to consider passage of a sweeping new $1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief bill.

"The inauguration of a new president and the start of a new administration always brings a flurry of activity to our nation's government," Schumer said in remarks on the Senate floor Tuesday morning. "But rarely has so much piled up for the Senate as during this particular transition."

Making the case for Trump's conviction, Schumer said the Senate needs to set a precedent that the "severest offense ever committed by a president would be met by the severest remedy provided by the Constitution – impeachment," and disbarment from future office.

McConnell and Schumer conferred later Tuesday about how to balance the trial with other business and how to organize the evenly divided chamber, a process that could slow all of the Senate's business and delay the impeachment proceedings.

There were signs of an early impasse. McConnell expressed to Schumer "his long-held view that the crucial, longstanding, and bipartisan Senate rules concerning the legislative filibuster remain intact, specifically during the power share for the next two years," according to spokesman Doug Andres. Eliminating the Senate filibuster, a procedural move that requires a higher bar for legislation to pass, has been a priority for Democrats who will now control the House, Senate and White House.

But a spokesman for Schumer, Justin Goodman, said the Democratic leader "expressed that the fairest, most reasonable and easiest path forward" was to adopt an agreement similar to a 2001 consensus between the parties, the last time the Senate was evenly divided, without "extraneous changes from either side."

Five of Biden's nominees had committee hearings Tuesday as the Senate prepared for swift confirmation of some as soon as the president-elect takes office, as is often done particularly for the White House's national security team. Many noted the harrowing events at the Capitol on Jan. 6.

The nominee for Director of National Intelligence, Avril Haines, testified of her own "eerie" feeling coming to the Capitol complex after "how truly disturbing it was" to see the attack on the building unfold. Biden's nominee for secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Alejandro Mayorkas, vowed to get to the bottom of the "horrifying" siege.

The start of the new session of Congress was also forcing lawmakers to come to terms with the post-Trump era, a transfer of power that Trump's mob of supporters tried to prevent after he urged them to storm the Capitol as Congress was tallying the Electoral College vote confirming Biden's election.

Seven Republican senators led by Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, and Sen. Josh Hawley, R-Mo., tried to overturn Biden's election during the Electoral College tally. Cruz was presiding over the Senate Tuesday while McConnell delivered his blistering remarks.

Hawley continued to embrace his role in the opposition, saying on Tuesday that he will block a quick confirmation of Mayorkas, the Homeland Security nominee, to protest Biden's immigration plan to provide a path to citizenship for 11 million people. Hawley said Mayorkas "has not adequately explained how he will enforce federal law and secure the southern border."

As they begin the year newly in the minority, Republican senators face a daunting choice of whether to convict Trump of inciting the insurrection, the first impeachment trial of a president no longer in office – but one who continues to hold great sway over the party's voters.

Some Republicans want to halt the impeachment trial. Texas GOP Sen. John Cornyn was among those Republicans casting doubt on the legal ability of the Senate to convict a president no longer in office, though legal scholars differ on the issue.

"It's never happened before and maybe that's for a good reason," he said.

hp SPORTS

Ron DeKett / HP Correspondent

Bridgman's Parker Roach competes in the 200-yard individual medley during last season's Bridgman Invitational. Roach is a top returning swimmer for the Bees.

BOYS HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING

Boys swimming season a sprint

St. Joseph, Bridgman preparing for shortened season in the pool

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

The upcoming boys high school swimming season will happen fast.

Practice just began this week, and by Tuesday, St. Joseph and the Bridgman co-op team will battle each other and Coldwater in the first meet of the season. Two months later, the season is set to conclude with the state finals on March 27.

"It's going to be short and sweet," St. Joseph coach Janet Beemer said. "It's really, really abbreviated. Eight weeks is really short for a swim season."

It's a constrast from the girls season, which just held its state meet on Saturday after a long delay due to emergency orders to contain the COVID-19 spread.

The virus is causing extra problems for Bridgman – coach Emily Nannfeldt is quarantined this week and won't be able to resume in-person coaching duties until Monday. This week, she said she checks in with the team over Zoom and assigns workouts while the diving coach oversees practice.

Beemer is in her first season as St. Joseph boys head coach, swapping roles with Tim Straub, who is now an assistant. With a large roster of 36 boys, she said the team is split into two groups that take turns in the pool while the other does "dry land" work. This helps maintain social distancing as well as give swimmers more individual attention.

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Lower scores just an example of golf evolving

Doug Ferguson
On the Fringe

HONOLULU — Chris Kirk shot 65 four days in a row and it wasn't enough to win on the PGA Tour.

Joaquin Niemann can appreciate the feeling. The dynamic 22-year-old from Chile played both tournaments in Hawaii and was a combined 45-under par. He lost in a playoff at Kapalua and finished one shot behind in the Sony Open.

For those who are either put off or put to sleep by low scoring on the PGA Tour, relief is probably not on the way.

Next up is The American Express in the California desert, a tournament still known as the Bob Hope in some circles and defined by low scoring under any name. Since going to 72 holes in 2012, the highest winning score was 20-under 268 by Hudson Swafford. He won by one shot in 2017 over Adam Hadwin, a day after Hadwin shot 59.

None of this should be cause for alarm. Some of it has to do with the weather.

The day after Kevin Na won the Sony Open by one shot over Kirk and Niemann, the wind blew so hard it felt as though the island of Oahu might get blown across the ocean. For the tournament week, there was barely enough wind to move a palm frond. A year ago, with 30 mph gusts every round until Sunday, the winning score was 10 shots higher.

There was only a tropical breeze, not the notorious trade wind, at Kapalua the previous week for the Sentry Tournament of Champions. Harris English and Niemann finished at 25-under par, and seven others finished at 20 under or better.

Golf has been that way for more than a century.

Instead of worrying how low the scores are getting, perhaps it's worth celebrating which records have stood the longest.

All of them probably deserve an asterisk because golf courses only look the same. They have become longer by various measures. Lawn mowers are better, too. Nothing is ever exactly how it was.

The oldest 72-hole record on PGA Tour courses remains at Riviera in 1985, when Lanny Wadkins shot 20-under 264 on a soggy course in Los Angeles. Wadkins is proud of that mark, and he surely is happy Dustin Johnson wasn't aware of the record – nor did he particularly care – when Johnson reached 20 under with 12 holes remaining in 2017, played it safe and shot 17-under 267 to win by five.

Right behind is Bay Hill, the course where Tiger Woods has won a record eight times. He still hasn't had a week like the late Payne Stewart did in 1987 when he shot 264. No one has come within five shots of Stewart's record.

Tom Lehman shot 268 at Muirfield Village to win the Memorial in 1994. Greg Norman, Woods and Patrick Cantlay all have come within a stroke of that record.

And yes, Woods still has a few scoring records to claim. One of them is at East Lake, where he shot 23-under 257 in 2007. Not even Johnson with a 10-shot head start in the new FedEx Cup scoring system could top that.

Those records surely will fall in time. That's how golf has evolved, much like other sports.

Sprinters have better shoes. Swimmers have better suits. That doesn't even account for players who are bigger, stronger and faster, and equipped with better training, more knowledge and video, perhaps the most underrated piece of technology.

Matt Kuchar spoke to this a year few years ago when he said, "It is what we should expect."

"Guys in any sport, any activity, have figured out how to get better with all the extra work and study and whatever else," Kuchar said. "We see it everywhere, whether it's the track or the pool, the golf course, hoops."

Why should golf be any different?

Mike Davis would love to wrap up the "Distance Insights Project" before he leaves as the USGA's chief executive. The concern by the USGA and R&A is that a century's worth of distance

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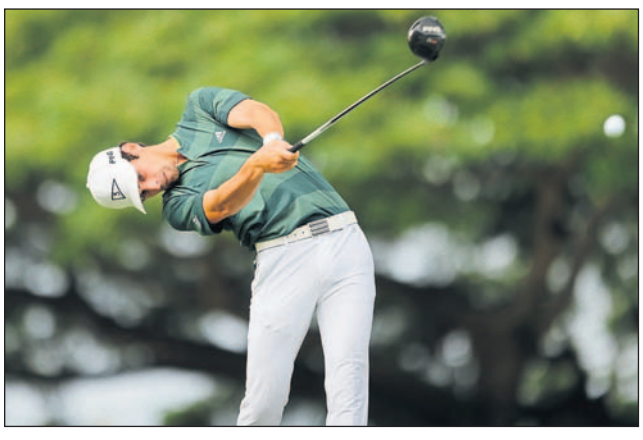

Jamm Aquino / Honolulu Star-Advertiser via AP

Joaquin Niemann hits from the second tee during the final round of the Sony Open on Sunday.

Carlos Osorio / AP

Michigan guard Chaundee Brown, left, and Maryland forward Jairus Hamilton struggle to control the ball during Tuesday's game.

Back on track

No. 7 Michigan finds its footing after rout of Maryland

By NOAH TRISTER
Associated Press

ANN ARBOR — Mike Smith made three early 3-pointers as No. 7 Michigan raced to a 17-3 lead, and the Wolverines had little difficulty beating Maryland 87-63 on Tuesday night.

Michigan 87, Maryland 63

Michigan made its first five 3s – Isaiah Livers had the other two – in an opening flurry that put the Wolverines (12-1, 7-1 Big Ten) in immediate control. Michigan led 42-25 at halftime and stretched its advantage to as many as 25 points in the second.

Livers led Michigan with 20 points and Franz Wagner contributed 15. Smith had 11.

The Wolverines were coming off their first loss of the season, Saturday at Minnesota.

Eli Brooks missed that game with a foot injury. He returned Tuesday and scored seven points.

Maryland (8-7, 2-6) was led by Donta Scott's 13 points, but the Terrapins couldn't keep up with Michigan's terrific outside shooting. The Wolverines went 12 of 24 from 3-point range and Maryland was 4 of 19.

Michigan swept the regular-season series. The Wolverines won at Maryland 84-73 on Dec. 31.

Big picture

Maryland: The Terrapins have won only two Big Ten games, but they were both against ranked teams on the road. They've never beaten three Top 25 teams on the road in one season, and they didn't come particularly close against Michigan.

Michigan: The Wolverines made their loss to Minnesota look like just a bump in the road, putting Maryland in a big hole early and not letting up. This looked a lot like a number of other games Michigan has played lately. The Wolverines beat Minnesota by 25 and Wisconsin by 23 before losing the rematch with the Golden Gophers.

Up next

Maryland: The Terrapins play at No. 17 Minnesota on Saturday in another chance to beat a ranked team on the road.

Michigan: The Wolverines play at Purdue on Friday night.

Morgan Sette / AP

Serbia's Novak Djokovic stands on the balcony at his accommodation in Adelaide, Australia on Tuesday.

3 more COVID cases linked to Aussie Open arrivals

By DENNIS PASSA
Associated Press

Two players are among the three latest COVID-19 cases that have emerged from testing conducted on passengers who arrived on charter flights bringing people to Melbourne for the Australian Open.

Tournament director Craig Tiley said the players weren't considered to be contagious, though, and hadn't been taken out of the regular quarantine hotels.

The first six positive tests were reported over the weekend and connected to flights from Los Angeles, Abu Dhabi and Doha, Qatar.

All passengers on those flights, including 72 elite tennis players, were classified by local health authorities as close contacts of people infected with the coronavirus and forced into hard lockdown. That means they're not allowed to leave their hotel rooms for the mandatory 14-day quarantine period. The six infected people, including a member of the aircrew on one flight and two coaches on different flights, were transferred to a medical hotel.

The Victoria state government announced three new positive tests on Tuesday,

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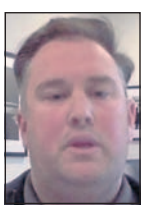
Mets fire GM after he sent explicit texts to female reporter

By MIKE FITZPATRICK
AP Baseball Writer



PORTER

NEW YORK — Jared Porter went from rising star to unemployed – literally overnight.

Just more than a month after joining the New York Mets as general manager, Porter was fired Tuesday for sending sexually explicit, uninvited text messages and images to a female reporter in 2016 when he was working for the Chicago Cubs in their front office.

ESPN reported late Monday that Porter sent dozens of unanswered texts to the woman, including a picture of "an erect, naked penis." ESPN said it obtained a copy of the text history, and many of the messages and photos he sent were displayed in the report online.

About nine hours later, new Mets owner Steve Cohen posted on Twitter that Porter had been fired.

"We have terminated Jared Porter this morning," Cohen wrote Tuesday. "In my initial press conference I spoke about the importance of integrity and I meant it. There should be zero tolerance for this type of behavior."

Approximately 30 minutes after that, the Mets released a statement from team president Sandy Alderson saying the move was effective immediately.

"Jared's actions, as reflected by events disclosed last night, failed to meet the Mets' standards for professionalism and personal conduct," Alderson said.

New York hired the 41-year-old Porter last month. He agreed to a four-year contract after spending the past four seasons with the Arizona Diamondbacks as senior vice president and assistant general manager.

It was not immediately clear if the Mets planned to replace Porter with a new

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Ron DeKett / HP Correspondent

St. Joseph's Jacob Maynard includes a somersault in his dive during last season's Bridgman Invitational. Maynard returns this season for the Bears.

SWIMMING

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"Our pool workouts are going to be a lot of race pace work," she said. "We normally build up and take some time and get some long, slow yardage in."

St. Joseph's fastest returning swimmer is senior Andrew Moyer, a state qualifier in the 50 and 100 freestyle. Senior Jacob Haunhorst is a versatile swimmer who Beemer said can fill in anywhere he's needed, and last season competed in the 200 individual medley and 500 freestyle.

Haunhorst is a captain along with seniors Luke Bingaman (backstroke, freestyle) and Jacob Maynard (diving).

Other key returnees include senior Gabe LaFlamme (butterfly, breaststroke) and juniors Jack LoPresti (IM, breaststroke) and Trevor Cool (distance).

Top incoming freshmen are Juswin Judge (butterfly, backstroke, IM) and diver Alexander Moyer.

Beemer said that the team's goals include qualifying some relay teams for the Division 3 state finals.

Bridgman will look to a strong 10-person senior class to help deal with the unusual season.

"I think it really is going to help having most of the team seniors," Nannfeldt said. "Just the leadership, they know what needs to be done. They all want to do well. They're just super excited they get to be there."

Diving is a strength for the Bees, with standout senior Matt Pisarsky leading the way. Senior Zach Nannfeldt and junior CJ Carmichael also return. There's also a girl diver on the roster – Dani Morrill played volleyball during the fall, and was granted a waiver to compete in the winter. Nannfeldt said Morrill is "a really good diver" and will be competitive against the boys.

The swimmers are led by a strong senior class which is balanced across events. They include Parker Roach (breaststroke), Grant Rose (butterfly), Cody Schimmel (all-around), Matt Warner (backstroke), Tyler Westfall (distance), Alex Tellez and Tyler Burks (sprint freestyle) and Nate Bittner.

Bridgman competes in Division 1 as it swimmers from many area schools, making state qualification difficult. Given the unusual circumstances, Nannfeldt said she'd mostly like to see her swimmers return to their previous performance levels.

"It's so hard to get back into shape," Nannfeldt said. "We're coming into it pretty out of shape.

"It's just a flash in the pan. If anybody gets a (personal record), it would be awesome."

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FERGUSON

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gains is not good for the game, forcing courses to get bigger and use more water and other resources. That's primarily at the elite level, only a fraction of golf.

That doesn't – or shouldn't – have anything to do with scoring. Then again, the USGA has denied for years that it's trying to protect par at the U.S. Open and no one seems to buy it.

The best players will find a way because they always have.

Rory McIlroy once said the game is changing but not necessarily for the worse. Every generation gets better with more knowledge and science – and yes, technology – at its disposal.

"So if we're not better," he concluded, "then we're doing a pretty bad job."

Doug Ferguson is a golf writer for The Associated Press.

TENNIS

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the first to involve players.

The Australian Associated Press quoted Tiley as saying the health department "will need to confirm that they are viral shedding but I can tell you that they're not in the medical hotel."

Tennis Australia declined to provide The Associated Press with a list of the 72 affected players, but many have made their status known via posts on social media.

More than 1,200 players, coaches, staff, officials and media arrived on flights in a 36-hour period until Saturday morning to prepare for the Australian Open, which starts Feb. 8.

Victoria state Premier Daniel Andrews said some of the cases linked to the tournament will be reclassified as "non-infectious shedding."

But the state's chief medical officer, Brett Sutton, later said the reclassification was unlikely to mean any of the 72 players in lockdown – meaning they're not allowed to leave their rooms for daily practice sessions like the broader player group – could leave isolation early.

All people traveling to Australia for the tennis tournament had to return a negative test before boarding the charter flights, although there was at least one exemption in the case of the historic shedding.

Tennys Sandgren, a two-time quarterfinalist at Melbourne Park, originally tested positive for the coronavirus in November and the Victoria state health authorities determined after reviewing the American player's medical records that he was no longer contagious, although still shedding viral particles. So he was given approval to fly to Australia last week.

"My two tests were less than 8 weeks apart. I was sick in November, totally healthy now," Sandgren wrote on Twitter. "There's not a single documented case where I would be contagious at this point. Totally recovered!"

Some players have used social media to detail their perceived hardships of being in lockdown, some saying they weren't aware of the strict quarantine regulations.

"These are high performing athletes and it is hard to keep a high performing athlete in a room," Tiley said. "This is the contribution that they have to make in order to get the privilege of when they do come out to compete for $80 million ($62 million) in prize money."

Organizers had a zoom conference with players on Monday night and Tiley conceded he had faced criticism, saying some of the advance warnings of the risks may have been lost in translation.

"There was some big hits that we took but there were also some compliments. The most heartening thing at the end in the chat there was a scroll of thank yous from all the stars and players," Tiley said, according to AAP. "Sometimes the minority have the loudest voices."

Tiley, appearing on Nine Network television on Tuesday, rejected calls from some men's players to reduce Australian Open matches to best-of-three sets instead of best of five.

Ryan makes Red Wings history in OT win over Blue Jackets

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT — Tyler Bertuzzi scored 15 seconds into overtime and Bobby Ryan became the first player to score four times in his first three games with Detroit, leading the Red Wings to a 3-2 win over the Columbus Blue Jackets on Tuesday night.

Bertuzzi was credited with the winning goal after the puck went off him and into the net following a rebound off Dylan Larkin's shot.

Ryan had a tiebreaking goal late in the second after Anthony Mantha pulled Detroit into a 1-all tie with a power-play goal early in the period.

Jonathan Bernier made 22 saves for the Red Wings, who split their season-opening, four-game homestand in a relatively strong start after easily being the NHL's worst team last season.

Columbus' Boone Jenner scored 1:38 into the game, and Alexandre Texier tied it 5:04 into the third period on a goal that stood after the Red Wings challenged, hoping it would be negated by goaltender interference.

Elvis Merzlikins stopped 24 shots for the Blue Jackets.

The Blue Jackets have not had newly acquired center Mikko Koivu in the lineup this season due to NHL's COVID-19 protocols. Detroit center Robby Fabbri and winger Adam Erne were out for a second straight game due to the protocols after both played in the first two games of the season.

Panthers 5, Blackhawks 4

SUNRISE, Fla. — Frank Vatrano scored 2:50 into overtime, and the Florida Panthers beat the winless Chicago Blackhawks 5-4 on Tuesday night.

Patric Hornqvist and Carter Verhaeghe each scored two goals for Florida (2-0-0). Keith Yandle had two assists.

Hornqvist, who was acquired in a September trade with Pittsburgh, has three goals and an assist in the first two games.

Sergei Bobrovsky made 29 saves for Florida in his first start of the season, but the two-time Vezina Trophy winner was a bit rusty.

The 32-year-old Bobrovsky, who is in the second year of a seven-year, $70 million contract, was deemed "unfit to play" during most of training camp. He had a .900 save percentage last season, the second-worst of his career.

Dominik Kubalik scored his first two goals of the year for Chicago, which has dropped its first four games of the pandemic-shortened season. Patrick Kane also scored, and Phillipp Kurashev posted his first NHL goal. Kevin Lankinen stopped 23 shots in his first NHL start.

Kurashev's shot from the high slot gave the Blackhawks a 4-3 lead with 13:54 left, their first lead of the season. Hornqvist tied it at 4 with his second power-play goal.

SCOREBOARD

NHL

East Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	4	3	1	0	6	15	11
Washington	4	2	0	2	6	15	14
New Jersey	3	2	0	1	5	8	7
N.Y. Islanders	3	2	1	0	4	5	5
Pittsburgh	3	2	2	0	4	14	18
Boston	3	1	1	1	3	4	5
N.Y. Rangers	3	1	2	0	2	8	8
Buffalo	4	1	3	0	2	11	12

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	2	2	0	0	4	10	3
Florida	2	2	0	0	4	10	6
Nashville	3	2	1	0	4	10	7
Carolina	3	2	1	0	4	9	6
Detroit	4	2	2	0	4	9	10
Columbus	4	1	2	1	3	8	13
Chicago	4	0	3	1	1	9	20
Dallas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

West Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	3	3	0	0	6	11	5
St. Louis	3	2	1	0	4	9	13
Minnesota	3	2	1	0	4	8	7
Arizona	3	1	1	1	3	10	11
Anaheim	3	1	1	1	3	4	7
Colorado	2	1	1	0	2	9	4
Los Angeles	2	0	0	2	2	6	8
San Jose	3	1	2	0	2	11	13

North Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	4	3	1	0	6	14	12
Montreal	3	2	0	1	5	12	7
Calgary	3	2	0	1	5	11	6
Winnipeg	3	2	1	0	4	9	9
Ottawa	3	1	1	1	3	10	10
Edmonton	4	1	3	0	2	10	15
Vancouver	4	1	3	0	2	9	16

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. The top four teams in each division will qualify for playoffs under this season's temporary realignment.

Monday's Games

Columbus 3, Detroit 2
N.Y. Islanders 1, Boston 0
Toronto 3, Winnipeg 1
Buffalo 6, Philadelphia 1
Carolina 4, Nashville 2
St. Louis 5, San Jose 4
Anaheim 1, Minnesota 0
Montreal 3, Edmonton 1
Calgary 5, Vancouver 2
Vegas 4, Arizona 2

Tuesday's Games

New Jersey 4, N.Y. Rangers 3
Philadelphia 3, Buffalo 0
Dallas at Tampa Bay, postponed
Florida 5, Chicago 4, OT
Pittsburgh 5, Washington 4, OT
Winnepeg 4, Ottawa 3, OT
Detroit 3, Columbus 2, OT
Carolina at Nashville, ppd.
Colorado at Los Angeles

Wednesday's Games

Edmonton at Toronto, 7 p.m.
San Jose at St. Louis, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.
Montreal at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Arizona at Vegas, 10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Florida at Carolina, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Boston, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Vancouver, 9:30 p.m.
Colorado at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

NBA

Monday's Games

New York 91, Orlando 84
Atlanta 108, Minnesota 97
San Antonio 125, Portland 104
Memphis 108, Phoenix 104
Toronto 116, Dallas 93
Brooklyn 125, Milwaukee 123
Chicago 125, Houston 120
Miami 113, Detroit 107
Golden State 115, L.A. Lakers 113
Cleveland at Washington, ppd

Tuesday's Games

New Orleans at Utah
Oklahoma City at Denver

Wednesday's Games

Boston at Phila., 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Houston, 9:30 p.m.
Memphis at Portland, 10 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 10 p.m.
San Antonio at Golden State, 10 p.m.
Washington at Charlotte, ppd

Thursday's Games

L.A. Lakers at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Utah, 10 p.m.
New York at Golden State, 10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
National League

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Acquired RHP Joe Musgrove from Pittsburgh in exchange for LHP Joey Lucchesi to NY Mets and LHP Omar Cruz, RHPs David Bednar and Drake Fellows anc OF Hudson Head to Pittsburgh.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Acquired C Endy Rodriguez from NY Mets.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS — Named Terry Fontenot general manager.
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Released RB Mark Ingram.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed RB John Kelly to a reserve/futures contract.
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Named Lemuel Jeanpierre offensive line coach. Announced offensive line coach Steve Marshall has left the coaching staff.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Named Karen Wilkins-Mickey vice president of diversity, equity and inclusion.

Report: Lions bringing in Saints' Glenn to be defensive coordinator

By JUSTIN ROGERS
The Detroit News (TNS)

The Detroit Lions haven't even officially announced the hiring of Dan Campbell as the franchise's next head coach, but the NFL Network reported Tuesday that he will be bringing New Orleans Saints defensive-backs coach Aaron Glenn with him to serve as defensive coordinator.

When looking at potential coordinator options, Glenn always seemed among the most logical choices.

A former All-Pro cornerback, Glenn played 15 seasons in the NFL. Since retiring, he tried his hand at scouting before moving into coaching, spending the past five seasons leading the Saints defensive backs.

Campbell and Glenn both played at Texas A&M, although their times at the program didn't overlap. And both joined the Saints staff in 2016.

In 2015, the Saints allowed a passer rating against of 116.2, one of the worst marks in NFL history. That figure has been under 90.0 four of the past five seasons, including 2020, where opponents were held to completing 59.8 percent of their passes and the Saints tied for the league-lead with 18 interceptions.

Glenn would replace Cory Undlin, who was with the franchise just one season.

In 2020, the Lions allowed the most points and yards in franchise history, sinking below the previous marks set by the 2008 squad that went 0-16.

PORTER

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GM. Porter reported to Alderson, who is running baseball operations.

The woman was not identified in the report. ESPN said she recently chose to come forward only on condition of anonymity because she is afraid of backlash in her home country.

In a statement Monday night addressing the report, Alderson said the Mets would "follow up" as they reviewed "the facts regarding this serious issue."

"I have spoken directly with Jared Porter regarding events that took place in 2016 of which we were made aware tonight for the first time. Jared has acknowledged to me his serious error in judgment, has taken responsibility for his conduct, has expressed remorse, and has previously apologized for his actions," Alderson said in that statement.

"The Mets take these matters seriously, expect professional and ethical behavior from all of our employees, and certainly do not condone the conduct described in (the ESPN) story."

ESPN said the woman was a foreign correspondent who had moved to the United States to cover Major League Baseball. She met Porter in a Yankee Stadium elevator in June 2016, and she said they spoke briefly about international baseball and exchanged business cards. She told ESPN that was the only time they ever spoke.

After text exchanges that began casually, Porter started complimenting her looks, inviting her to meet him in different cities and asking why she was ignoring him, ESPN said.

After he sent her a lewd picture, the woman ignored more than 60 messages from Porter before he sent the most vulgar photo, according to ESPN. The woman told ESPN she intentionally tried to avoid him at a couple of big league ballparks and the texts from Porter ultimately contributed to her decision to leave journalism and return to her home country.

Porter texted apologies to the woman in 2016 after she saw the naked picture and wrote to him that his messages were "extremely inappropriate, very offensive, and getting out of line," ESPN reported.

ESPN said it contacted Porter on Monday evening, and he acknowledged texting with the woman. At first, he said he hadn't sent any pictures of himself, but when informed the exchanges show that he sent selfies and other pictures, he said "the more explicit ones are not of me. Those are like, kinda like joke-stock images," ESPN reported.

After asking whether the outlet intended to run a story, Porter requested more time before later declining further comment, ESPN said.

Before his Diamondbacks tenure, Porter worked under Theo Epstein with the Boston Red Sox and Chicago Cubs, winning three World Series championships in Boston's front office and another with the Cubs. ESPN said Porter was the Cubs' director of professional scouting when he sent the messages to the woman.

PRIME TIME TV

WEDNESDAY EVENING JAN. 20

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Inaugura-tion	Celebrating America Tom Hanks hosts a celebration. (N) CC			The Con-ners (N)	Call Your Mother
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	To Be An-nounced	Celebrating America Tom Hanks hosts a celebration. (N) CC			S.W.A.T. "Good Cop" CC	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Holly-wood	Inaugura-tion	Celebrating America Tom Hanks hosts a celebration. (N) CC			Chicago P.D. (N) CC (DVS)	
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	The Masked Dancer (N) CC (DVS)		:02 Name That Tune "Episode 3" (N)		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Outdoor Elements	Nature Animals face extreme ecosystems.		NOVA "Decoding da Vinci" CC		When Disaster Strikes CC	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Riverdale ((SP)) (N) CC		Nancy Drew ((SP)) (N) CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Dateline A message written in blood.		Dateline "Deep in the Woods" CC		Dateline A father's fight for justice.	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Riverdale ((SP)) (N) CC		Nancy Drew ((SP)) (N) CC		The Drew Barrymore Show CC	
WHME 46	:00 Heart-land	Heartland "Step by Step" CC (DVS)		Highway to Heaven CC		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish CC	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam (N)	Court Cam (N)	Wild	Wild
AMC	Forrest Gump	★★★ Twister ('96) Helen Hunt. Storm chasers race to test a new tornado-monitoring device. CC					The Intern
Animal	North-	North Woods Law: Uncuffed (N)				North Woods Law	
BET	Family That Preys			Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family			
Big Ten	:00 Women's College Volleyball			Women's College Volleyball CC			
Bravo	House-wives/OC	Housewives/OC		Housewives/OC		Real Housewives of Salt Lake City	
Cartoon	Gumball	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	Rick	Rick
Cinemax	John Wick 3	Human Capital ('19) Liev Schreiber, Marisa Tomei. CC			:40 ★★★ Munich ('05) Eric Bana, Daniel Craig. CC		
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	S. Smith	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	Inaugur	Inaugural Concert Tom Hanks, Justin Timberlake and more. (N)					
Comedy	:45 South Park		South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk
Discovery	Under-cover	Undercover Billionaire "Pressure Tests" Grant tries to regain his footing. (N) CC				:10 Moonshiners CC	
Disney	Raven	Liv-Mad.	Liv-Mad.	Raven	Raven	Big City	Bunk'd
DIY	Barnwood	Holmes Inspection		Holmes: Next Gen.		Holmes: Next Gen.	
E!	5:00 Chrisley Knows Best "Ready to Launch" Savannah's fashion line debuts.						
ESPN	NBA Basketball: Celtics at 76ers				NBA Basketball		
ESPN2	College Basketball Teams TBA.			College Basketball Cincinnati at Temple. (N)			
ESPNC	Football	College Football				Classic-Boxing	
Food	Grocery	Guy's Games		Guy's Games		Kitchen Crash (N)	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	NBA Basketball Detroit Pistons at Atlanta Hawks. (N)					Pistons	Pistons
Freefrm	6:30 ★ Bride Wars ('09) CC	★★ 27 Dresses ('08, Romance-Comedy) Katherine Heigl, James Marsden, Malin Akerman. CC					
FX	:00 ★★ Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom ('18, Adventure) Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard. CC					Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom ('18)	
Golf	PGA	Golf The American Express Charity Challenge. CC					Euro PGA
Hallmark	My One & Only ('19)	A Country Wedding ('15, Romance) Jesse Metcalfe, Autumn Reeser. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	:15 30 Coins "Mem-ories"		:20 ★ Wrath of the Titans ('12) Sam Worthington. CC			C.B. Strike "Lethal White: Part 1" CC	
History	Forged	Forged in Fire		Forged in Fire		:03 Forged in Fire	
HGTV	100 Day	House	House	One	One	Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	My 600-	My 600-Lb. Life "Cindy's Story" (N)				1000-Lb. Sisters	
Lifetime	Mar-ried-Sight	Married at First Sight "Hello, Stranger" Groom surprised by prospective bride. (N)				:03 Marrying Millions (N) CC	
MSNBC	Biden	The Inauguration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr. (N) (L) CC					
MTV	Ridic.	The Challenge "Double Agents"			Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Swim	N.D. Bsk.	Hurt	Drone Racing		Drone Racing	
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Football Teams TBA. CC					
Nick	Rio ('11)	Hustle	Danger	Sheldon	Sheldon	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler		To Catch a Smuggler		Narco Wars (N)	
Oxygen	:00 Snapped	Snapped (N) CC		Monster Preacher The victims of Gary Heidnik recount their horrors. CC			
Parmt	:00 ★★★ The Italian Job			:15 ★★ Mr. & Mrs. Smith ('05) CC			
Showtime	:15 ★★ Rambo III ('88, Action) Sylvester Stallone. CC			Boxing ShoBox: The New Generation. (N) (L) CC			
Starz	6:38 ★★★ Public Enemies ('09) Johnny Depp. CC			:01 ★★★ Dawn of the Dead ('04) Sarah Polley. CC			Charlie's Angels
STZENC	6:54 ★★★★ Glory ('89, War) Matthew Broderick. CC			★★ Godzilla ('98, Science Fiction) Matthew Broderick, Jean Reno. CC			
SyFy	6:45 ★ Law Abiding Citizen ('09) Jamie Foxx. CC			★★ Jumanji ('95, Children's) Robin Williams, Bonnie Hunt, Kirsten Dunst. CC			
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal
TCM	Mighty Joe	★★★ Murder, She Said ('61) Margaret Rutherford.			:45 ★★★ Murder at the Gallop ('63) Robert Morley CC		
TMC	6:00 Hustlers	★★ On the Basis of Sex ('18, Biography) Felicity Jones, Armie Hammer. CC				★★ Woman Walks Ahead ('17)	
TNT	★★ Tag	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) CC				The Replacements	
Travel	Mysteries	Mysteries of the Unknown (N) CC				True Paranormal	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	:00 NCIS	WWE NXT (N) (L) CC				:08 ★★ Hancock ('08) Will Smith.	
VH1	:00 ★★ White Chicks ('04) CC				All About the Benjamins		
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC	

Eat your carrots for potential help with prostate health

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

Hello, dear readers, and welcome to an extension of our monthly letters column. Our main letters column this month was devoted to your questions about the new coronavirus vaccine – an important topic that needed immediate attention. So we're back with parts one and two of a bonus edition to help catch up with your more general questions. Onward to part one!

■ A reader from Cleveland asked if eating carrots helps with prostate health. "Have you ever heard of this?" he asked. "How many carrots do you have to eat?" While a potential link between eating carrots and prostate health has been a subject of interest for a number of years, the research remains inconclusive. Some studies have found a link between alpha-carotene, a nutrient in carrots, and a decrease in prostate cancer risk. The studies found eating a medium-sized carrot each day, or drinking freshly pressed carrot juice, to be helpful. However, those results haven't been universally duplicated. If you're going to try it, we recommend eating your carrots, because the crude fiber they contain is beneficial to the gut.

■ In a column about why falling is a serious health risk for older adults, a reader from Fresno, California, asked for a clarification. "You wrote that just a sprain or a bruise can interfere with quality of life," she wrote. "Can you elaborate?" Although a big concern with falls is breaking a bone, even a mild injury can alter someone's routine. A sprained ankle makes it difficult to get around. Small tasks like going to the mailbox, or even walking from room to room, can become daunting. The aches and pain of a bruise can limit movement, so basic actions like reaching up to a kitchen shelf or dressing oneself become more difficult. These limits are temporary, of course, since sprains and bruises heal. But, in the meantime, daily life is adversely affected.

■ A reader near Austin, Texas, who recently cared for her father and two aunts at the ends of their lives, noticed that dentists would sometimes suggest procedures that were out of step with the needs and abilities of an older adult. "Do keep up with cleanings and care for cavities, but get a second opinion for things like tooth extractions and implants," she wrote. "Some older senior citizens may not be healthy enough for these procedures, which the dentist may not know, or they may not have the money to afford them." We think that's very good advice. A second opinion can clarify a medical or dental issue and help ensure that only necessary care is performed. Thank you for sharing.

■ A reader from Tulsa, Oklahoma, got right to the point with his question: "Is it possible for mosquitoes to pass on COVID-19?" So far, there are no known cases of the new coronavirus being transmitted via a mosquito bite. It's a respiratory virus, and its main form of transmission is through the droplets from a cough or sneeze and the smaller particles released when we speak or exhale.

See you in a few days with bonus questions in part two.

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Grandma-to-be resents son's decision to nix holiday traditions

Carolyn Hax

DEAR CAROLYN: My son and daughter-in-law are expecting a baby in the spring. My son recently told me they do not plan to have a Christmas tree or have Santa as part of their holiday at their home.

My son grew up practicing a Christian religion but after marriage chose a different Christian path.

I understand some of the religious reasons behind their choices. But there is other reasoning that seems extreme and bizarre to me.

It saddens me that some of our family's traditions will not continue, but I'll get over that. Their household, their traditions; our household, our traditions.

What I am having difficulty working through is:

■ The embarrassment I feel. I do not want my friends or extended family to know about this choice.

■ My growing resentment toward my daughter-in-law for changing his religious path. I did not feel this way before the Christmas decision.

■ The gap I think will continue to widen given some of their beliefs.

I hate having these feelings. How do I stop them? – Grandma

DEAR GRANDMA: You talk yourself *into* your daughter-in-law and her ways. Actively.

Because you have nothing to gain – and this entire family to lose – by pursuing other lines of thinking.

I know you know this, since you're asking to change your feelings vs. change your daughter-in-law. And that is to your enormous credit.

But it is clearly an emotional issue with such high stakes, over – I hope we can agree on this – a tiny part of your lives, since Santa is once a year for only a handful of years.

So the best approach I can offer is for you to go a step beyond "stopping" your feelings (impossible) to outright invalidating them (possible).

Let me explain.

I am not dismissing how you feel. I don't know your backstory, motivation or the emotional associations you have with your traditions, so my invalidating your feelings would be presumptuous and wrong.

But it's not wrong for you to do it to yourself. You are entitled to judge yourself as harshly as you want if you, for example, prioritize your Christmas practices over embracing your daughter-in-law in full.

I suggest this because it works: To maintain a grievance against someone requires wanting, on some level, to remain aggrieved. We have to think we are in the right; we are victims; we are entitled to what we want.

So what I'm suggesting is a self-administered sledgehammer to the ideas or values behind your grievance. Replace them with the kind of values you think would create the feelings you'd rather have.

Go full bonkers and talk to yourself in the mirror: "I am someone who embraces love." "I am someone who welcomes other faiths, traditions and cultures." "I take pride in how flexible I am."

And, please, humor me with this one: "I will be embarrassed when I am thoughtless, or cruel, or rude or out in public without pants, but I refused to see well-meaning differences as cause for embarrassment."

Conviction makes repetition makes habit makes change.

Please also note that your son, an adult, changed his own religious path. So if you're going to resent anyone for this, choose to resent him.

Then choose not to resent anyone. That is (ahem) as Christmas as it gets.

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38 Quaint hotels
40 Tibetan monk
41 Big snake
42 Vacuum part
46 Bridge section
48 New and different
49 Truck fuel
52 City conduits
53 Federated
54 Come into view
55 Table
56 Rich cake

DOWN
1 Gloss
2 Goods on board
3 Fly a plane
4 Fishing gear
5 Newspaper execs
6 Garden green
7 Habituated
8 Maximum
9 Social Register word
10 Almost-grads
11 Polio vaccine inventor
12 Alphabet enders
16 Crossroad
18 Skeleton part
20 Make like a donkey
21 Hacking tool
22 Eject lava
24 Senorita's aunt
26 Eye shadow
27 Brainstorm
28 Overflow with
30 Sigmund's daughter
31 — Diego
37 Dog star
39 Gym amenity
41 Kind of eagle
43 Plain as day
44 Woolen fabric
45 "Who — was there?"
47 Fellow citizen
48 Verne's skipper
49 Pop
50 Ait, on the Seine
51 Santa's little helper
52 Firmed up

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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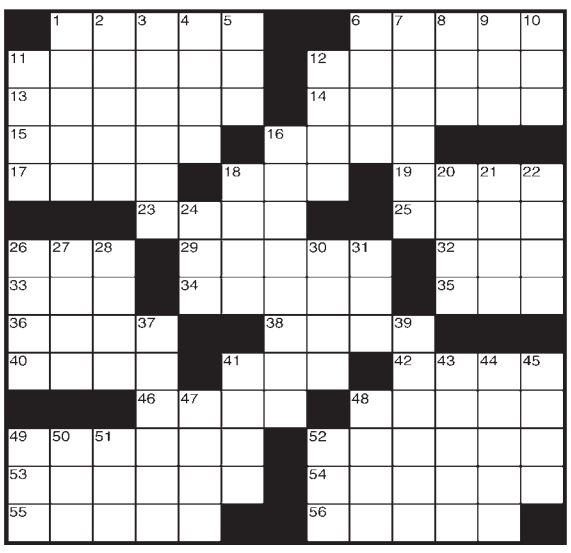

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JUMBLE

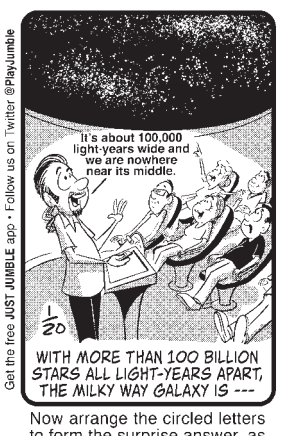
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TISEU

PUCEO

SRBABO

RYPITU


It's about 100,000 light-years wide and we are nowhere near its middle.
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WITH MORE THAN 100 BILLION STARS ALL LIGHT-YEARS APART, THE MILKY WAY GALAXY IS ---
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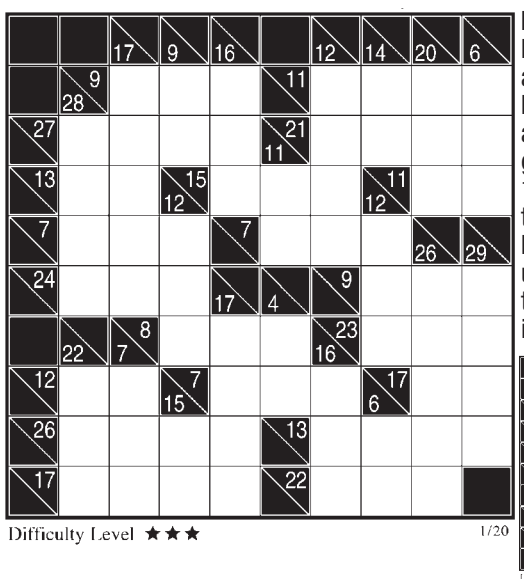
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

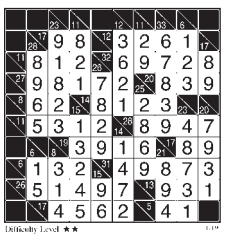
Yesterday's Jumbles: DECAY THANK CHUBBY PROVEN
Answer: The expensive walnuts didn't taste right and weren't what they were — CRACKED UP TO BE

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★ 1/20

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

A Venezuelan proverb says: "A good friend will fit you like ring to finger." A good bridge partner will have cards in your long suit, giving you a good fit and allowing you to ring the scoring bell in that deal.

Look only at the West hand in the diagram. With both sides vulnerable, your right-hand opponent opens two no-trump. What would you do? How high would you bid without a squeak from partner?

At the time, West overcalled three hearts, which was Cappelletti, showing at least 5-5 in hearts and a minor – perfect.

Then North doubled, a transfer to spades. This is called "stolen bid," meaning that if West had passed, North would have bid three hearts herself. I am not a fan of this agreement unless an opponent intervenes over one no-trump with two clubs, natural or showing a one-suiter somewhere. Higher than two clubs, stolen bid varies from debatable to crazy! However, any agreement is better than none.

When North announced five or more spades, East passed, and South leapt to four spades, a superaccept.

I can't help thinking that if I were West, I would have bid five diamonds or, if I had this partnership agreement, doubled, saying that I wished to go to the five-level unless East felt sure that that was an error. Here, East could bid four no-trump (which is your minor, partner?) or five clubs (pass or correct).

Four spades made easily, West taking one diamond and two hearts, then collapsing her tent. But five diamonds would have made, with an overtrick if North led anything but a club.

North 01-20-21
♠ J 8 4 3 2
♥ 8 7 6 4
♦ 6
♣ Q J 10

West
♠ —
♥ A K 10 9 3
♦ A K 10 7 3 2
♣ 8 2

East
♠ 10 9 7
♥ J 2
♦ 9 8 5 4
♣ 7 6 5 3

South
♠ A K Q 6 5
♥ Q 5
♦ Q J
♣ A K 9 4

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
2NT	3♥	Dbl.	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ A

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

			3	1		2		
2	4				8		3	7
1		3		4				9
				8			1	
4	1	8	9		5	3	6	2
	7			3				
9				2		5		6
6	2		8				4	3
		5		6	9			

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

3	1	4	6	9	5	2	7	8
6	7	8	3	1	2	4	5	9
5	9	2	4	8	7	3	1	6
1	2	3	5	6	9	7	8	4
9	5	7	2	4	8	1	6	3
4	8	6	7	3	1	5	9	2
2	3	1	9	7	6	8	4	5
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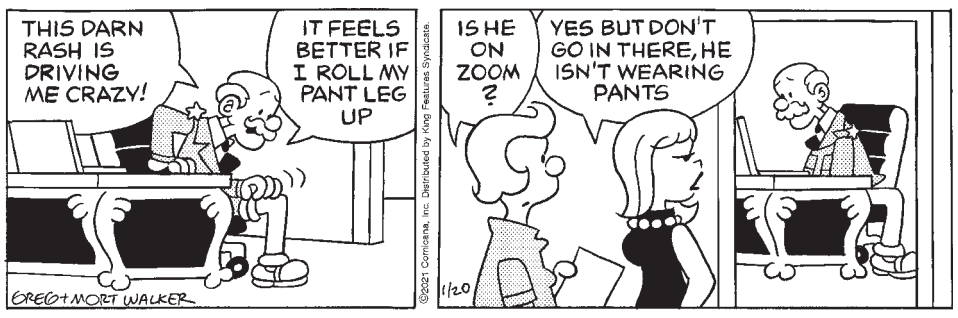
7	6	5	8	2	4	9	3	1

BEETLE BAILEY


THIS DARN RASH IS DRIVING ME CRAZY!
IT FEELS BETTER IF I ROLL MY PANT LEG UP
GREG+MORT WALKER
IS HE ON ZOOM ?
YES BUT DON'T GO IN THERE, HE ISN'T WEARING PANTS
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BLONDIE

ARE YOU GOING TO BUY THAT MAGAZINE OR NOT?
I DON'T KNOW...I'M TEST-READING IT TO MAKE UP MY MIND
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THIS ISN'T A CAR SHOWROOM! WE DON'T ALLOW TEST-READING!
SNATCH
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SHEESH! YOU'D THINK HE'D AT LEAST GIVE IT A SHOT!
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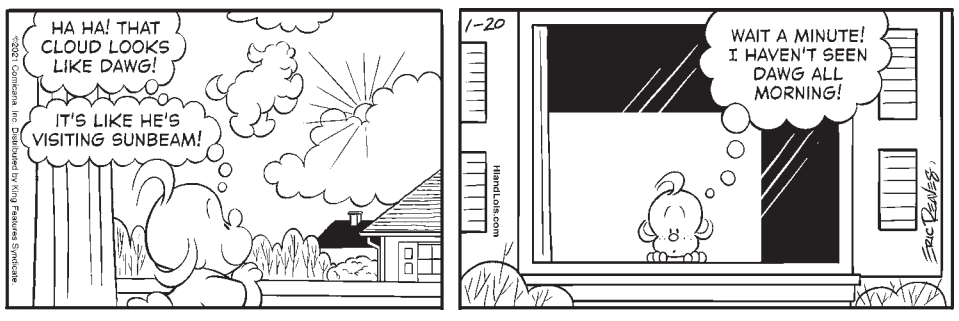
HA HA! THAT CLOUD LOOKS LIKE DAWG!
IT'S LIKE HE'S VISITING SUNBEAM!
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WAIT A MINUTE! I HAVEN'T SEEN DAWG ALL MORNING!
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ERIC PARKER

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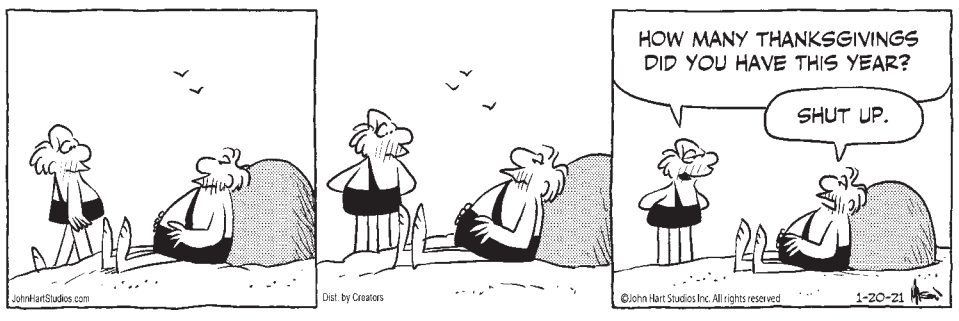

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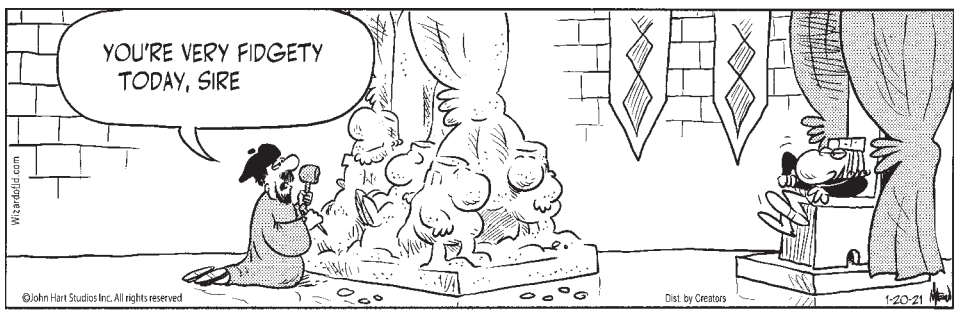

DILBERT

I'VE BEEN KEEPING A RUNNING LIST, AND IT SEEMS THAT 100% OF THE THINGS YOU TOLD ME THIS YEAR HAVE BEEN FALSE.
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AND WE BOTH GOT PAID, SO WHAT'S YOUR POINT?
I... DON'T KNOW HOW TO PROCESS THAT.
I'D TELL YOU, BUT APPAR— ENTLY YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME.
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GARFIELD

"DEAR ASK A DOG, HOW COME MY DOG NEVER DOES ANYTHING HEROIC?"
BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK!
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IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR NOT FALLING DOWN A WELL
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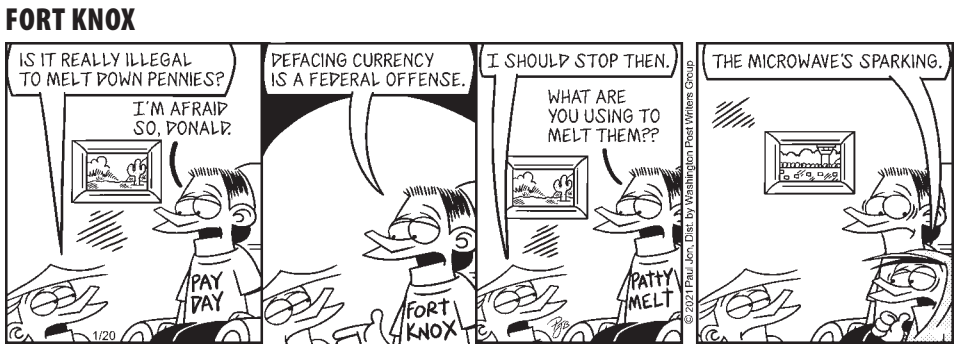
FORT KNOX


IS IT REALLY ILLEGAL TO MELT DOWN PENNIES?
I'M AFRAID SO, DONALD.
PAY DAY
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DEFACING CURRENCY IS A FEDERAL OFFENSE.
FORT KNOX
I SHOULD STOP THEN.
WHAT ARE YOU USING TO MELT THEM??
PATTY MELT
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THE MICROWAVE'S SPARKING.

PICKLES

OKAY, FINE EARL.
YOU CAN HIDE IN YOUR "CONE OF SILENCE" IF YOU WANT.
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HOWEVER, KEEP IN MIND THAT THERE MAY BE CONSEQUENCES.
DON'T BE SURPRISED AT DINNERTIME IF YOU'RE CONFRONTED WITH THE "PLATE OF EMPTINESS."
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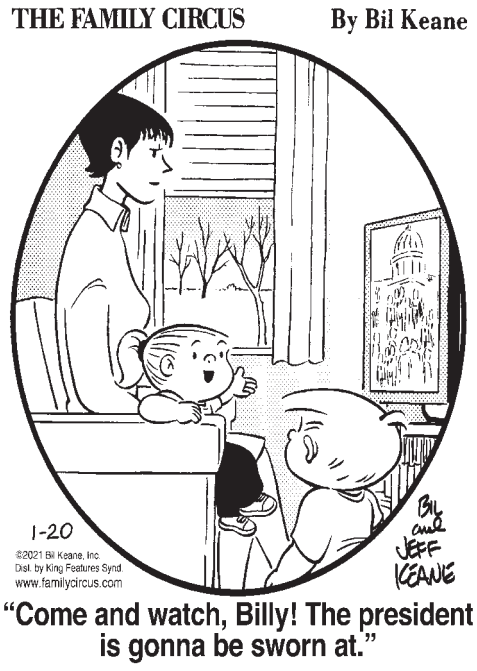
FAMILY CIRCUS

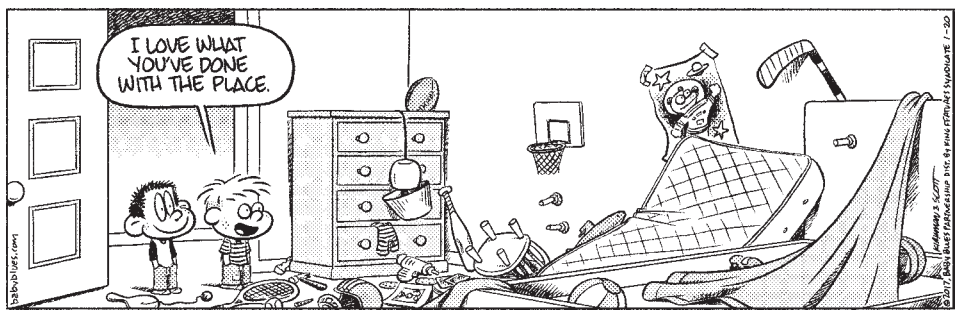


"Come and watch, Billy! The president is gonna be sworn at."

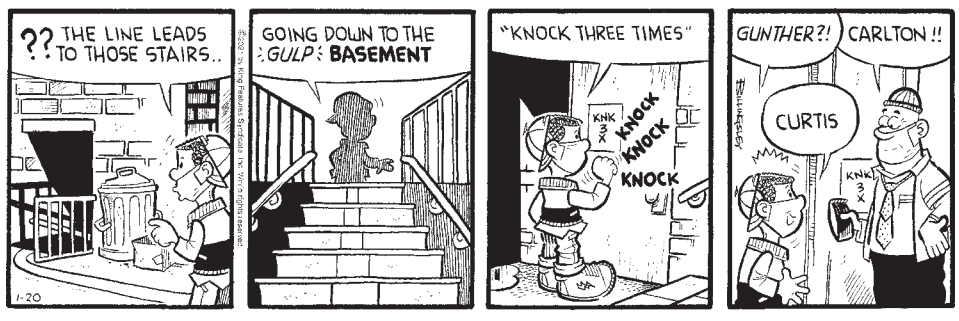
DENNIS THE MENACE

"GINA ASKED WHAT MY *ETHNICITY* IS... YOU'D THINK SHE COULD TELL I'M A BOY!"

BABY BLUES



CURTIS



ZITS

JEREMY, I PICKED UP SOME MORE PAINT SAMPLE CHIPS FOR YOUR ROOM.
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HM. THAT GRAY ONE IS PRETTY COOL.
YEAH. I LIKE IT, TOO.
IT'S CALLED "WHISPERING BUNNY KISSES."
NOT WHEN THE GUYS ARE OVER, IT AIN'T.
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1-20 SCOTT and BORGMAN

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

BORIS HAS BEEN OVERWORKING HIMSELF ON THE BATTLEFIELD LATELY... YOU SHOULD SPEAK TO HIM!
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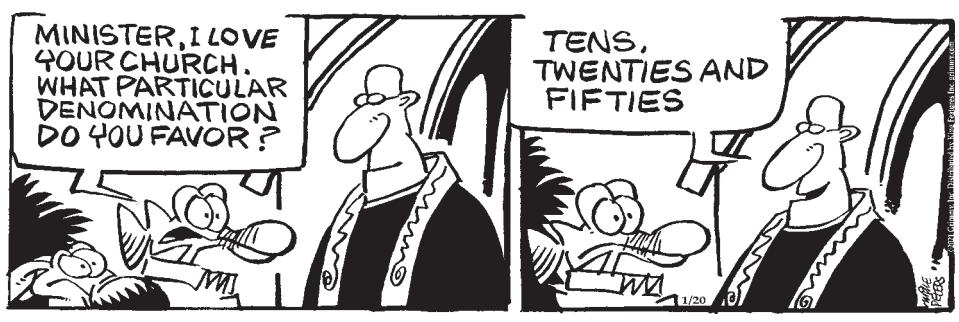
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM


MINISTER, I LOVE YOUR CHURCH. WHAT PARTICULAR DENOMINATION DO YOU FAVOR?
TENS, TWENTIES AND FIFTIES
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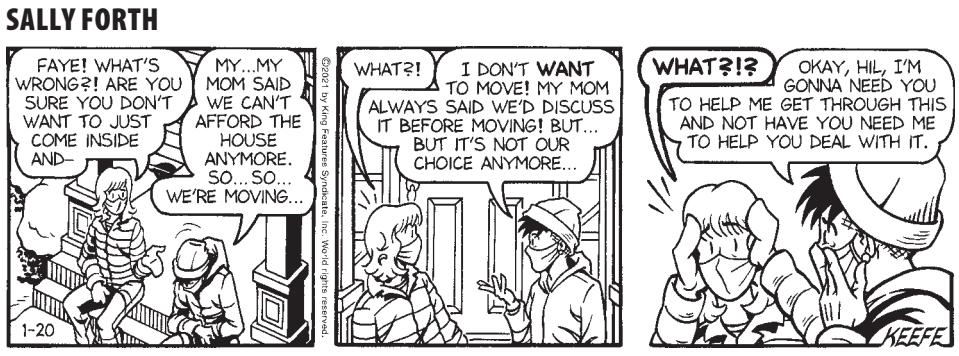
SALLY FORTH


FAYE! WHAT'S WRONG?! ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO JUST COME INSIDE AND—
MY...MY MOM SAID WE CAN'T AFFORD THE HOUSE ANYMORE. SO... SO... WE'RE MOVING...
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WHAT?!
I DON'T WANT TO MOVE! MY MOM ALWAYS SAID WE'D DISCUSS IT BEFORE MOVING! BUT... BUT IT'S NOT OUR CHOICE ANYMORE...
WHAT?!?
OKAY, HIL, I'M GONNA NEED YOU TO HELP ME GET THROUGH THIS AND NOT HAVE YOU NEED ME TO HELP YOU DEAL WITH IT.
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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Speak up, and share your thoughts and intentions. Don't fold under pressure or make an abrupt change because someone else does. Follow your heart and do your own thing.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Let go of the past. Take care of your health and physical well-being. Don't take unnecessary risks or make hasty decisions that could result in illness or injury. Put your energy where it counts most.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Pay close attention to what's going on around you. Distance yourself from risky or deceiving situations. Don't let anyone rope you into spending more than you can afford.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Make a sound decision, not a snap decision. Indecisiveness regarding your work, position, status or purpose will result in confusion and worry. Time is on your side; explore your options!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Listen carefully, take notes and ask questions. What you learn today will help you get ahead in life, in love or at work. You can pick up some information that will be valuable in negotiations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Reach out to people who share your beliefs and interests. The relationships you form will encourage you to use your imagination more and to focus on new possibilities. Accept the inevitable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) An offer will have a hidden agenda behind it. Go over the fine print, make adjustments and refuse to let anyone cause problems for you. Protect your reputation and use your intelligence.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A change of pace will give you a chance to evaluate a confusing situation. A partnership will encourage you to look at the positive, deal with the negative and proceed with confidence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Trust what you know, despite opposition. Work you can do from home will provide insight into a way to earn more money. Check out your options. Be clear about your feelings and plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A problem with a colleague, friend or relative will surface if you procrastinate or change your mind. Be careful how you approach situations that depend on others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Keep your life simple. Avoid overspending and excess. Don't trust someone who is vague or too complimentary. Consider making a lifestyle change that promotes better health.

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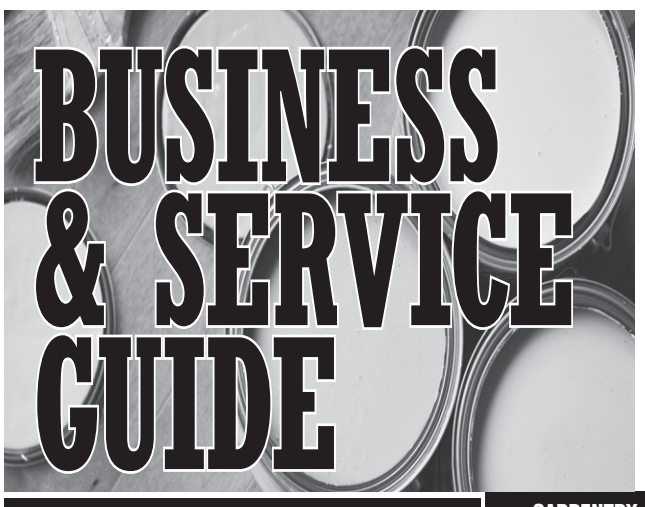

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■ Noon-4:45 p.m. Jan. 29, Converge Community Church, 601 W. Buffalo St., New Buffalo.

■ 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Feb. 3, American Legion Post 345, 9214 First St., Baroda.

Versiti Blood Center of Michigan

■ Noon-7 p.m. today, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 1-6 p.m. Thursday, The Chapel, 4250 Washington Ave., St. Joseph.

■ Noon-5 p.m. Friday, Consortium for Community Development, conference room, 175 W. Main St., Benton Harbor.

■ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ Noon-7 p.m. Jan. 27, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 28, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, multi-purpose room, 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac.

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■ 2-7 p.m. Feb. 3, Simpson United Methodist Church, community room, 507 Joy St., Bangor.

■ 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 4, Ascension Borgess-Lee Hospital, oncology room, 420 W. High St., Dowagiac.

■ 1-6 p.m. Feb. 4, South Haven First Baptist Church, fellowship hall, 1635 76th St., South Haven.

South Bend Medical Foundation

■ 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Jan. 30, Elk Lodge, 1322 Canal St., Niles.

Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds. To find more drives, visit www.redcrossblood.org, donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/zip or givebloodnow.com.

BREAKFASTS AND BANQUETS

Burgers: American Legion Post 518, 4789 Weechik Road, New Troy, will have a hamburger night from 5-8 p.m. today. Cost is $5 for a burger, fries and salad. Cost is $6.50 for a burger, onion rings and salad. All orders are carryout. Order upon arrival, or call ahead at 426-3542.

Breakfasts and Banquets appears on Wednesdays. The deadline is the preceding Wednesday at noon. Civic groups sponsoring fundraising meals, classes or other food-related events should send information in writing to: Focus, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085; or email focus@TheHP.com.

Di Pietro 'soupifies' classic dishes

January is National Soup Month. It's also a cold month during an ongoing pandemic.

Jane Ammeson

That was inspiration enough for Michele Di Pietro to take dishes like Philly Cheesesteak, Clams Casino, Chicken Masala, Lasagna, Chinese Egg Roll and Twice Baked Potatoes and turn them into soups.

Creating a soup dish for each day of this month, Di Pietro wrote "SOUPified: Soups Inspired By Your Favorite Dishes." The idea came about, she says, after being cooped up way too long in her one-bedroom New York City apartment.

"I had a lot of extra time on my hands," she says. "So I decided to transform some of my favorite dishes into soup versions of themselves while still making sure the essence of the original dishes stayed intact."

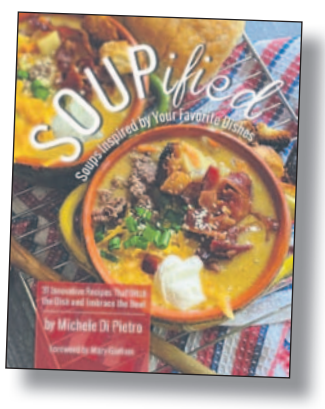
As a plus, Di Pietro makes these recipes even more user friendly by including ideas for substitutions, reheating, storing and product information.

For example, if you're unable to find chipotle powder for her Mexican Street Corn Soup, try smoked paprika instead. For a different taste – or lower calories – when making Lasagna Soup, Italian pork sausage without the casing and ground turkey are good alternatives.

The following recipes are from "SOUPified."

Photos provided

Lasagna Soup (above), and Twice Baked Potato Soup with Bacon (below left) are featured in "SOUPified: Soups Inspired By Your Favorite Dishes" (below right).



Twice Baked Potato Soup with Bacon

Makes 6 to 8 servings.

3 pounds russet potatoes, peeled and diced (peels reserved for Crispy Potato Skins), held in cold water to prevent browning
2 ounces bacon, cut into 1/2-inch strips while raw
2 cups yellow onion, diced (about 1 medium onion)
1 cup green onions, chopped (about 4 onions)
1/4 cup garlic, chopped (9 to 10 cloves)
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
3 cups low-sodium vegetable or chicken broth
3 cups whole milk
2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon paprika
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 cup sour cream
1 pound sharp cheddar cheese, shredded or cut into very small pieces
1/2 cup chives, finely chopped
1 recipe Crispy Potato Skins (see recipe below)

Peel potatoes. Prepare Crispy Potato Skins, and set aside.

Place bacon in 6-quart (or larger) pot or Dutch over medium heat. Slowly cook it until it becomes crispy and most of the fat has been rendered. Remove bacon with a slotted spoon and set it aside to drain on paper towels.

Remove all but about 3 tablespoons of rendered fat from the pot and use for other purpose or discard. Leave enough fat to cover bottom of pot.

Add onions and garlic and cook for about 4 minutes, or until onions have softened a bit, stirring occasionally.

Sprinkle flour on top of onion mixture. Stir to coat, and continue stirring for 1 to 2 minutes while flour cooks. Gradually pour in 2 cups broth, and whisk mixture quickly to fully incorporate flour into liquid until smooth. Stir to loosen and scrape up any browned bits on bottom of pot.

Add remaining broth, potatoes (drain first if being held in water), milk, salt, paprika, and black and cayenne peppers.

Stir until all ingredients are well combined.

Cover pot, and bring mixture to a simmer. Simmer, partially covered, until potatoes are tender, stirring frequently. This could take 20 to 30 minutes. Do not boil soup once milk is added to prevent curdling.

Reduce heat to low. Then partially puree mixture using an immersion blender. Be sure to leave some bigger chunks as this results in a great, chunky texture.

Gradually stir in sour cream, then cheese, 1 cup at a time, ensuring each cup has melted before adding the next. Finish by stirring in chives and about 3/4 of bacon. Then turn off heat.

Ladle soup into bowls and top with Crispy Potato Skins and remaining bacon.

Crispy Potato Skins

1/4 to 1/2 cup olive oil, or as needed
Potato peels from all potatoes in Twice Baked Potato Soup recipe
Pinch salt

Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Once oil starts to spread out and glisten, add potato peels, and fry them until crispy.

Use tongs to turn over peels while frying. When peels are brown and crispy, remove them immediately with a slotted spoon and transfer them to paper towels to drain.

Sprinkle them with salt immediately.

Set aside, uncovered, at room temperature. You can make these potato skins 3 to 4 hours in advance and hold them, uncovered, at room temperature.

Lasagna Soup

Makes 6 to 8 servings.

3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
1 pound lean ground beef
2 cups yellow onion, diced (about 1 medium onion)
1 cup lightly packed fresh basil leaves, chopped, divided
1/4 cup garlic, chopped (9 to 10 cloves)
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon black pepper
1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper
1/2 cup tomato paste
6 cups low-sodium beef or chicken broth
1 (28-ounce) can whole tomatoes, crushed into small pieces by hand
1 1/2 teaspoons dried oregano
2 teaspoons dried basil
8 lasagna sheets, broken into 1- to 2-inch random pieces (9 ounces)
1/2 cup heavy cream
3 1/2 packed cups fresh baby spinach, chopped (about 5 ounces)
1 recipe Cheese Topping (see recipe below)

Prepare Cheese Topping and set aside.

Heat 2 tablespoons oil in 6-quart (or larger) pot or Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add beef, onions, 1/2 cup basil, garlic and spices. Cook for about 6 to 8 minutes, or until all the beef has browned. Break it up into bite-sized pieces while stirring.

Move beef mixture to one side of pot. Add tomato paste, and cook it for about 30 seconds. Add 2 cups broth, and stir to loosen and scrape up any browned bits on bottom of pot.

Add remaining broth, tomatoes and dried herbs, and stir until all ingredients are well combined.

Cover pot, and bring mixture to a simmer, stirring occasionally. Simmer, partially covered, for about 6 to 8 minutes, or until vegetables have mostly softened. Add pasta and remaining 1 tablespoon oil and stir well.

Simmer, uncovered, until pasta is al dente, using instructions on pasta package as a guideline, stirring continuously so pasta doesn't stick or get clumpy. Taste pasta along the way to monitor its doneness.

Once pasta is al dente, reduce heat to low. Then whisk in cream and spinach and cook for another 2 minutes while stirring. Add additional liquid if you want a brothier soup. Stir in remaining 1/2 cup basil, and turn off heat.

Ladle soup into bowls and top with a generous scoop of Cheese Topping.

The cheese will melt once you stir it into the hot soup.

Cheese Topping

1 cup whole milk ricotta cheese
1 cup mozzarella cheese, shredded (about 4 ounces)
1/3 cup pecorino Romano cheese, grated
1/8 teaspoon black pepper

Mix all ingredients together until well combined.

You can make this 2 to 3 days in advance and hold it in the refrigerator. Bring this mixture to room temperature about 30 minutes before serving the soup.

Mexican Street Corn Soup

Makes 4 to 6 servings.

2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
5 ears fresh corn, kernels cut off cob and silk removed (about 4 cups kernels), stripped corncobs reserved for broth
2 cups yellow onions, diced (about 1 medium onion)
1 cup celery, diced (about 3 to 4 ribs)
1 poblano pepper, seeded, stemmed and finely chopped
1/4 cup garlic, chopped (9 to 10 cloves)
3 cups low-sodium vegetable or chicken broth
3 cups whole milk
1 pound Yukon Gold potatoes, cut into 1-inch pieces, held in cold water to prevent browning
2 bay leaves
2 teaspoons salt
1 1/2 teaspoons dried Mexican or regular oregano
1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1/2 teaspoon chipotle chili powder
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1 cup crumbled cotija or feta cheese
1 cup Mexican crema, or sour cream
1/2 cup fresh lime juice (zest limes first)
1/4 cup cilantro, chopped
1 tablespoon lime zest

Heat the oil and butter in a 6-quart (or larger) pot or Dutch oven over medium high heat. When the butter has melted, add the corn kernels, and cook until they start to brown (about 5 to 7 minutes), stirring occasionally. Do this in batches if necessary.

Remove about two-thirds of the corn with a slotted spoon and set aside.

Add onions, celery, poblano pepper and garlic. Cook for about 4 minutes, or until vegetables have softened, stirring occasionally. Add the broth, and stir to loosen and scrape up any browned bits on bottom of pot.

Add milk, potatoes (drain first if being held in water), bay leaves, salt, oregano, chili powders, black pepper and reserved corncobs.

Stir until all ingredients are well combined. Cover pot and bring mixture to a simmer. Then, partially cover and lightly simmer soup until potatoes are tender, stirring frequently (about 20 to 30 minutes).

Remove and discard cobs and bay leaves. Reduce heat to low. Carefully puree mixture until smooth using an immersion blender. Only partially puree the soup if you prefer a chunkier version.

Add cheese, crema or sour cream, lime juice, cilantro, lime zest and most of the reserved sautéed corn kernels, reserving some to use as topping. Stir until all ingredients are well combined. Turn off heat. Do not boil soup once crema or sour cream is added to prevent curdling.

Ladle soup into bowls and top with remaining cooked corn kernels.

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